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RADICAL REFORM PLEDGED

Must Increase Production, Premier Wong Says

Commonwealth Conference

London, May 24.
The first step towards a conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers are expected soon.

The Government are known to hope for an early conference, before the King and Queen leave for Australia and New Zealand.

The Western Union, in which the Commonwealth countries are interested through their link with Britain, would probably be the first item for the conference to discuss. Commonwealth defence and trade would also be discussed.—Reuter

EIGHT BURIED IN DEBRIS

Eight workers were buried in debris when the front part of the Diamond Steel Works in Davis Street, Kennedy Town, collapsed suddenly early yesterday morning.

Only one of them, Shan Flu, a 15-year-old girl, was seriously injured. She received internal injuries and a fractured arm.

Two other workers standing nearby were unscathed but sustained shock. The others received minor abrasions and spinal injuries.

Firemen from Kennedy Town station and an ambulance from Central station were on the scene soon after the structure collapsed.

They extricated the victims and sent them immediately to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

Pillars supporting the collapsed portion were eaten away by white ants.

Remainder of the building was undamaged.

Apology To BOAC

Tokyo, May 25.
The Chief of the United States Far East Air Force expressed official regret today for the interception on Saturday of a British Overseas Airways Corporation flying-boat, south of Okinawa Island.

The message was sent to Sir Alverys Guscine, head of the British Linison Mission, by Major-General Thomas D. White, acting commanding general of the Far East Force.

The American Air Force headquarters here said that fighter planes fired a short burst away from the British flying boat to attract the pilot's attention as they could not identify it.

After identification, the plane was permitted to proceed to Hong Kong.—Reuter.

FLYING SCHOOL ACCIDENT

It was reported last night that a training plane of the Far East Flying School at Kai Tak was damaged yesterday when one of its tyres burst while taxiing. The plane was carrying an instructor and a pupil. This could not be confirmed, however.

Cabinet To Be Named Soon

Nanking, May 25:

Prime Minister Wong Wan-hao, at his first press conference today, pledged that his Government will carry out "radical and thorough reforms," and said United States aid would be utilised so that the "greatest benefit may be shared by the greatest number of people." The diminutive Premier, speaking both in English and Chinese in the jammed press room of the National Resources Commission, pledged his Government to continue the struggle against the Communists who "are spreading chaos in China."

"The primary problem is to raise the people's standard of living," Wong said. "I have always believed that the fundamental strength of any nation lay in its production. We must strive to increase China's productive output."

The new Premier said he was grateful for the United States aid which would do much to help China's economic recovery.

Questions Parried

Wong parried all specific questions about the makeup of his Cabinet or details of his administrative programme. He said it was premature to publicly discuss this since his Cabinet had not yet been formed.

Asked whether members of the two minority parties would be included in his Cabinet, Wong replied that his Cabinet would continue the "same spirit of multi-party cooperation which characterised Gen-Chang Chun's Cabinet."

He said he expected to announce the names of members of his Cabinet within a few days. Wong, who is under five feet tall and weighs less than 100 pounds, said his appointment came as a complete surprise to him.

He said the Generalissimo informed him of his (Chiang's) intention to nominate him for the premiership only a "very short while ago" before submitting his name to the Legislative Yuan.

"I was not mentally prepared to take over the difficult duties of President of the Executive Yuan," Wong said, "but in this difficult time I am duty bound to do my part to tide the nation over a period of crisis."

Wong said the inflation, rising prices and disrupted communications were the chief economic problems facing the nation. "Calling for radical and thorough reforms,"

Constant Advice"

The Premier said it was his duty to see to it that the United States aid was used to the best advantage so that the greatest benefit would be shared by the greatest number of people.

He called on the Chinese people to favour his Government with "constant advice" in the performance of their difficult task.

In response to a question about whether any change was con-

Chinese Premier A Good Choice

Washington, May 24.
Official and diplomatic reaction here is most favourable to Chiang Kai-shek's appointment Chinese Premier.

The consensus of opinion was that Mr. Wong would fill the position with great credit to himself and China if given adequate authority.

Mr. Wong is known in official circles here as an "econo-

mic liberal" and made the most favourable impression on numerous United States and other officials who became acquainted with him during tours of duty in China.

He is known as a man who, though a very patriotic and loyal Chinese, "also speaks the language of foreigners quite well," and is able to work well with representatives of other nations.

The impression in diplomatic quarters here was that Mr. Wong, with his engineering and economic background, was selected by President Chiang partly with an eye to the fact that he would be well-qualified to work with the Americans on the U.S. aid pro-

gramme for China.

It was believed here that this was a good idea and added some-

what to the possibility of success of the aid plan.—United Press.

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MISSING BOYS RETURN

The two boys reported missing from their home by their mothers last Monday afternoon returned home at about 9 p.m. that night.

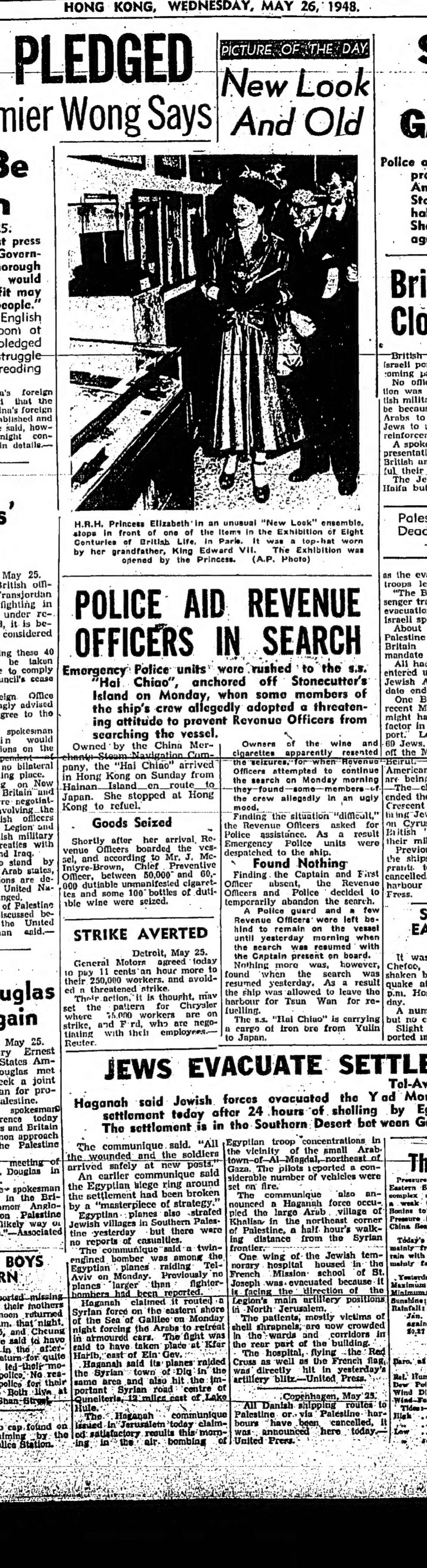
Au Keng, aged 6, and Cheung Wan-ki, aged 8, were said to have gone out to play in the afternoon and did not return for quite long time, which led their mothers to advise the police. No reason was given to police for their "French Leave." Both live at No. 80, Tai Ping Shan Street.

The Haganah claimed it routed a Syrian force on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee on Monday night forcing the Arabs to retreat in armoured cars. The fight was said to have taken place at Kfar Harib, east of Ein Gev.

Haganah said its planes raided the Syrian town of Diq in the same area and also hit the important Syrian road centre of Quneitra, 12 miles east of Lake Hule.

The Haganah communiqué issued in Jerusalem today claimed satisfactory results this morning in the air bombing of

All Danish shipping routes to Palestine or via Palestine harbours have been cancelled, it was announced here today.—United Press.



PICTURE OF THE DAY

New Look And Old

SHANGHAI STUDENTS' ANTI-USA CAMPAIGN GATHERING MOMENTUM

Shanghai, May 25.

Police and garrison authorities today tightened up precautionary measures as the bitter anti-American campaign, centring on the United States policy of promoting the economic rehabilitation of Japan, which was started by Shanghai student organisations some days ago, gathered momentum.

Several campus meetings are said to have been held in the past two days to discuss plans to push the campaign, while the American-endowed St. John's University, well-known Episcopalian institution, is reported by the Shanghai Evening Post to have opened a "racial exhibition" of woodcuts, charts, cartoons, pictures and other items, using America's Japanese policy as the central theme.

The local Chinese security authorities are closely watching the movement and charge that the campaign is Communist-inspired and backed by professors and students who are "fellow travellers."

They say that the movement is being geared to the recent Moscow reply to Washington's 11-point charges against the U.S.S.R.

A spokesman for Israel said representations will be made to the British and added, "We are hopeful their attitude will relax."

The Jews control the city of Haifa but the port is being used

British Close Haifa

Haifa, May 25.

British authorities closed the Israeli port of Haifa today to incoming passenger traffic.

No official reason for the action was announced, but a British military source said "it might be because we do not want the Arabs to see Britain permitting Jews to use the port to bring in reinforcements for their army."

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as the evacuation port for British troops leaving the Holy Land.

"The British say incoming passenger traffic interferes with their evacuation operation," said the Israeli spokesman.

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All had British visas and were entered under quotas granted the Jewish Agency before the mandate ended.

One British source hinted the recent Marine Corp incident also might have been a contributing factor in the decision to close the port.

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University Poll

The Shanghai Evening Post, which is American-owned, said that one of the centres of the present anti-American movement, St. John's University, where a poll was recently conducted to obtain the students' reaction to certain aspects of the United States policy in Japan.

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Bogota Shooting

Bogota, May 24.
It was announced that Bernardo Restrepo Botero, President of the Colombian House of Representatives, and three other Liberal Party leaders were shot and wounded—not seriously—last night by unidentified gunmen.—United Press.

CARDINAL SPELLMAN IN CANTON

Canton, May 25.
Francis Cardinal Spellman and his party arrived in Canton at 7.05 p.m. this evening.

The delegation was met at the White Cloud airfield by high officials of the Provincial and Municipal Governments, and leading members of the Catholic Church and foreign communities, including the Catholic Bishop of Canton, Mr. R.P. Ludden, the American Consul-General, M. Calvet, Portuguese Consul-General, Lt. Commander E.A. Buchanan, U.S. Naval Attaché, Mr. Elmer Newton, the American Information officer, and M.E. Miguel, Chancellor of the Portuguese Consulate.

OIL STRIKERS RESUME

The strike at the Tsun Wan oil installation of the Texas Co. (China), Ltd. ended yesterday morning when the 100 strikers resumed work following negotia-

tions with the management at the Labour Office the day before.

The company agreed to reinstate two recently dismissed workers and to continue talks on one other discharged previously.

The talks will be continued at the Labour Office this weekend.

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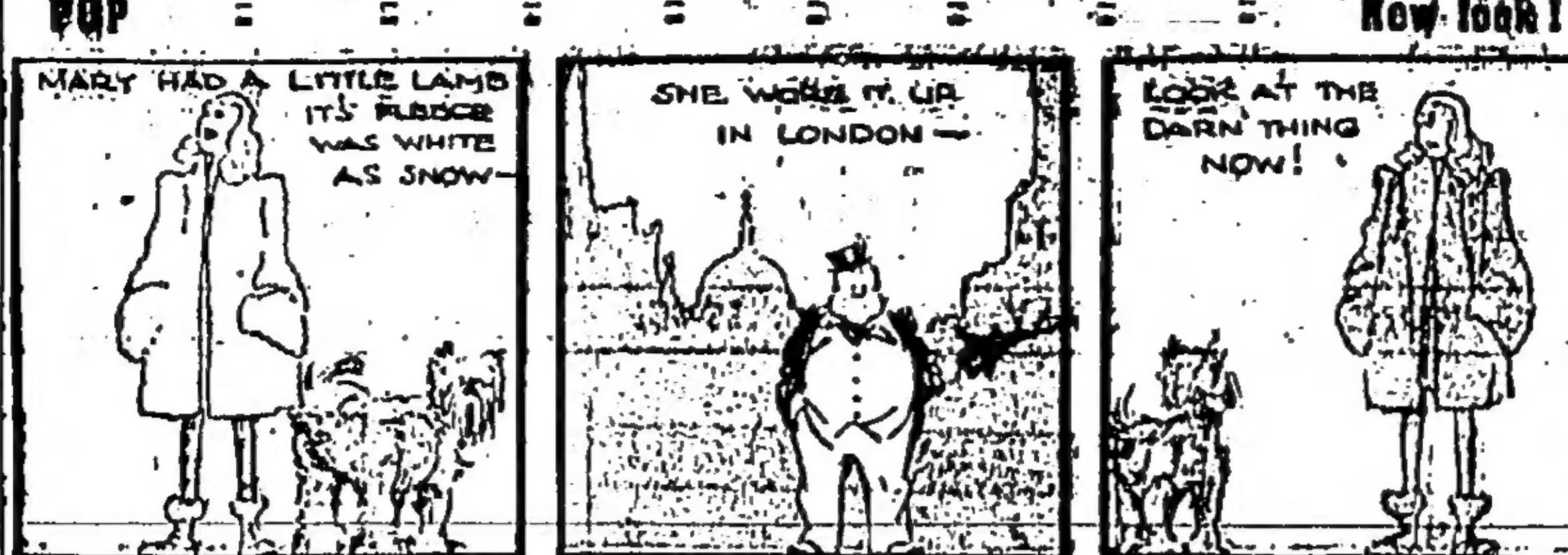
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WOOD MURDER TRIAL ALLEGATIONS OF THIRD DEGREE

Evidence in the Wood murder trial yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams was confined to the statements of accused, which were alleged to have been extracted after beating up by the Police, and the Court will decide today as to their admissibility or otherwise.

First accused Lau Hot and second accused Ho Cheuk-kul were in the box yesterday to tell the Court and jury how they were allegedly beaten up and made to sign blank sheets of paper as well as prepared statements without their contents being explained to them.

Allegations Denied

Third accused Li Chung-chung will go into the box this morning to testify how he came to make the statements attributed to him.

All three accused, who are charged with the murder of L. B. Wood upon Shatin on February 11, are defended by Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffith.

The prosecution is conducted by Mr. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Inspector Matches.

Det. Sgt. Tam Chung, recalled, denied in cross-examination the allegations made against him of beating up the accused.

Det. Kwai Heung-chuen, who assisted Tam, gave corroborative evidence.

First accused in the box told the Court that after a statement taken from him on his age, name, abode and what he did for a living, he was made to sign on a blank sheet of paper while Det. Sgt. Tam Chung filled it out with the story of the part he was

alleged to have taken in the crime. He also signed a prepared statement without the contents being read out to him.

Jury's Interest

The jury took a keen interest in his story of the finger-squeezing torture and he was made to show to the jury his fingers and to demonstrate how the alleged squeezing and wrenching were conducted.

After he was allegedly assaulted on the day of his arrest he made a report to Inspector Matches in the evening and was taken to Kowloon Hospital for medical examination. Evidence of injuries was given by Dr. Frank Kung.

The statements were signed by him after the alleged beating and finger squeezing.

He alleged he was assaulted again the next day, but when he made a report to Inspector Matches on this occasion he was not believed.

Second accused, in the box, said he was assaulted so many times that he could not remember. He failed to sign the statements to avoid further beating up.

Hearing was adjourned to 10 a.m. this morning.

An appeal to all ex-Servicemen and women in Hong Kong to join the local branch of the British Legion was made at the recent Annual Meeting of the Hong Kong and China Branch.

The meeting stressed the heavy commitments now faced by the Legion in providing assistance for disabled and distressed ex-Servicemen personnel of two wars.

The following committee was elected for the ensuing year:

Mr. C. Blaker (Chairman); Mrs. I. M. S. Braude, Mrs. S. Grove, Messrs. F. J. Walkfeld, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. W. L. Way, P. E. Farnell, T. F. H. Robinson, C. de S. Robertson, S. Grove, S. Maughan (Hon. Treasurer); M. B. Tighe (Hon. Secretary).

Proposed forms for membership may be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Percy Smith & Co., Hong Kong, or from the Hon. Secretary, 515 Marine House, Telephone 33093.

The Hong Kong group of Toc H are holding a "Beetle" Drive at 8.30 p.m. today to raise money for the Toc H Boys Club in Wan-chai. The Drive will be held at Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road.

Readers' Letters

Blood Donors Wanted

Sir.—In Hong Kong the urgent need for an adequate scheme of blood transfusion cannot be overemphasized. In these enlightened days it is not necessary to dwell on the number of operations performed by the hospitals in the Colony at which a Blood Transfusion is imperative to ensure success. At any moment any one of us could meet with an accident or experience illness and our life depends on a supply of blood being available.

At a meeting of Toc H last week the members agreed to form—the nucleus of a Blood Donor Team and are anxious to include all who are willing to join. We are assured by the medical profession and by those who have already given their blood that transfusion is free from pain and quite harmless. To organise a really efficient Blood Bank it is estimated that we need two hundred donors: they must, of course, be healthy and willing to attend a central place for a blood test so that it may be ascertained to which of the four blood groups they belong. Suitable arrangements would then be made for the blood to be donated.

The importance of such a service must be obvious to everyone. So many of us have little time or opportunity to do more than our daily work but in this scheme there is a way in which all can render a valuable contribution to the welfare of the community. All who are willing to join in this effort to save life are asked to communicate with the Hon. Secretary of Toc H, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong.

J. R. STURAS.

Punter's Plea

Sir.—I read in my morning paper a few months ago how well and fairly the ponies at Happy Valley were started. After attending the fast five race meetings I can only say how disgusted I am with the way they are lined up and allowed to start.

On one occasion the ponies lined up three times and because one of the jockeys (being a novice) was unable to prevent his mount from cantering, our noble starter helped him with a line of swearing which could not have failed to reach the ears of the ladies who were lining the rails next to the starting point. He then made them go round and round until the barrier with two ponies not even leaving the right way and one out of position.

This happens to about seven or eight per cent. of the races at Happy Valley and it is about time they got someone who has got the patience and can do the job properly.

This is the end of the racing season, and for goodness sake let there be a change before the next one. It is bad enough for the ponies having to carry extra weight without them being further handicapped at the starting point.

A RACING ENTHUSIAST.

Bus Hold-Ups

Sir.—The holdup at Castle Peak is the third one, I think, within a short time, and surely something must be done about it. The latest holdup was a bus specially run by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd., for the convenience of seafarers and we are not so mean as not to be thankful for this consideration.

The trouble is, holdups are beginning to be a bit too frequent and it behoves this utility company to come to some sort of arrangement with the Police Authorities whereby future attempts may be frustrated by due warning and means to give more measure of protection to the general public, not only along the Castle Peak area but also along the routes of buses to Tai Chi Kok and Ngau Chi Wan (west of Kai Tak), where there are popular swimming facilities within the means of the not-so-well-off classes.

SEABATHER.

Water Restrictions

Sir.—It would be interesting to know the result of the water restriction by the restriction at present in force.

Judging by the large amount of waste going on in the Colony, one should think that the restriction might as well be lifted.

I wonder if the Water Authority is aware of the hundreds of taps that are gushing water merrily away to waste at 6.30 a.m. daily, due to being left opened the night before, either inadvertently or through carelessness. I could count at least 4-6 taps under such conditions in my neighbourhood alone, and on one occasion to my surprise it happened in my very kitchen! My assumption of hundreds cannot be wrong, as my friends have expressed the same experience in their neighbourhoods.

You will understand Mr. Editor, it makes one's conscience feel heavy to hear water running to waste while the tenants are snoring away in the early morning, just at a time when we are very short of water.

I would suggest that the water should not be turned off at night, as I believe very few people use water during this period, neither would I believe they require any water during their sleep, incidentally it adds to safety from fire hazards.

What we need to save water is full public co-operation, who will use less or half the quantity water they normally use, e.g. it is usually required a basin full to wash one's hands, a half basin-full with less soap will easily suffice.

A basin placed in flushing cistern with a little suction at the other end will supply all the water required for floor washing.

The storage of a large quantity of water in tanks and oil drums and used indiscriminately is something that lacks public-spiritedness and should be condemned.

AQUARIUS.

BANK CLERKS' PLEA FOR MERCY

Three bank clerks, alleged to have defrauded the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd. and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank of \$50,000 and \$4,500, respectively, pleaded for mercy when they were committed for trial by Mr. F. X. d'Almada after the presentation of the Police case against them at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Defendants, all legally unrepresented, are Carlos Jacinto Pintos, 20, charged with forging a \$50,000-cheque purporting to be that of Messrs. Lo & Lo, drawn on the Mercantile Bank, Louis Francisco D'Alvado, 20, charged with aiding and abetting, and Cheung Yuk-shat, alias Joseph Osman, charged with counselling and procuring Pintos to forge the cheque.

Pintos was additionally charged with forging on Dec. 27, 1947, a cheque of C. Carr for \$4,500 drawn on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank and obtaining the money on the cheque. Cheung was also charged with aiding and abetting.

After Sub-Insp. T. Cashman had given his formal evidence, third defendant was committed, and hearing continued against the other two on the additional charge.

Det. Sub-Insp. T. J. Waldron told the Court that this was another "very cleverly hatched fraud" which was possible only for "persons having an intimate knowledge of banking procedure generally and particularly in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank."

The cleverest part of the scheme was the mysterious disappearance of the cheque, which was never found, and the fraud only came to light when the first charges involving the Mercantile Bank and Messrs. Lo & Lo were made.

Det. Waldron put G. A. Stewart, sub-accountant of the Bank, into the box. Stewart said that on Dec. 27, 1947, when the Bank Day Book was balanced a discrepancy of \$4,500 was found. A check revealed a cheque in the Cash Book for \$4,500, but no record had been made anywhere else. A prolonged search for the cheque proved fruitless.

Cash Book Entry

The entry in the Cash Book was made under the name of "Carr." Witness said that the Bank had two accounts under that name, and that both denied drawing such a sum.

The Bank suspected the discrepancy beforehand but waited until the end of the year for the routine balance when it was found that a cheque had been abstracted. The appearance of the cheque in the Cash Book implied, witness said, that it was in existence at the time, and also that \$4,500 cash was paid out.

Further inquiries revealed that the amount was paid out by Cheung on Dec. 27. Cheung was the paying-sheriff of the Current Account Department.

Witness then detailed the banking procedure regarding cashing of cheques.

According to the procedure relative to this cheque, it was handed to the Débit-Credit sheriff, who after checking and balancing found all cheques to be correct and put them in the Cash Department.

Second defendant's lists could not be found, witness said, on Dec. 29, and to his knowledge no other lists were missing.

He declared that the Bank considered that the \$4,500 had been paid out by the sheriff and that a cheque had actually existed and the signature must have looked like that of "Carr," as appeared in the Cash Book.

In his opinion, witness stated, the cheque must have been extracted from the pile of lists sometime in the afternoon, that day.

Pintos was employed as a clerk in the Bank Draft Issue Department, and in that capacity would have access to the cheques. As a member of the staff he would be entitled to do so, witness added.

Business Heavy

During or after the sorting period Pintos might have had access to the cheques.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. K. Telfer, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Augustinsson, Carl P. Rossmann and Dr. V. P. Simulikoff.

Peninsula departures:—C. K. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bender and Capt. and Mrs. Roeburn.

Passengers travelling to Manila from Hong Kong on Monday by CPA aircraft included: Mrs. R. Farrell, Messrs. Roy Farrell, J. V. Ito, Peter Lim, F. Angelis, M. del Rosario, Ong Kok. Passengers arriving from Manila yesterday by CPA included: Messrs. Robert Dippy, Lok-Ten, Chun Shi, T. Esteban, Lim Yu Lay.

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**Convicted
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Convicted on the charge of possession of two revolvers and a hand-grenade, Leung Wui, Leung Sal-yiu and Kwok Siu-man were sentenced to three years' hard labour by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

DSI W. G. Morrison told the Court that at 5.25 a.m. on May 11, first accused was seen by two Police constables at Woosung Street. They followed him and when he tried to enter a teahouse they stopped and searched him. A fully loaded revolver was found in his right hand, and another four rounds of ammunition on his person.

As the result of information supplied by him, the Police kept observation at Nanking Street from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. that same night. Second and third defendants were searched but nothing was found.

They brought the Police to the alleyway where a fully loaded six-chambered .38 revolver was found on the top of a wall. At midnight, the second and third defendants took the Police to 503 Canton Road, third floor, where a Japanese-type hand-grenade was found in a crevice in the kitchen.

There was no doubt, said DSI Morrison, that the arms were intended for an armed robbery and that defendants were only awaiting a favourable opportunity to commit the crime.

**ILLEGAL
FLOUR
EXPORT**

Charged with exporting 500 bags of flour without a permit aboard the s.s. Grete Maersk on April 23, Kiew-hwa, 28, of No. 146, Connaught Road, Central, was fined \$250 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate yesterday.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, representing defendant, pleaded not guilty, on the ground that there was no "mens rea."

Revenue Officer Humphrey told the Court that defendant had 1,500 bags of flour aboard the s.s. Grete Maersk which left Hong Kong on April 23. A check of the manifests revealed that one permit covering 500 bags of flour had been cancelled, but that all the flour was shipped.

Mak, Kam-hung, clerk-in-charge of the Export and Import Manifest Office, and A. H. Muadz, assistant officer-in-charge of the Permit Office (S.T. & I.), gave corroborative formal evidence.

In mitigation, counsel said that the seller behaved extremely badly, and did a "dirty thing" to his client.

RO. Humphrey agreed with the Magistrate that the seller "played dirty" in this case.

On the evidence the Magistrate found defendant guilty.

**Had Jemmy
When
Arrested**

Sentences totalling two years' hard labour, and a recommendation for banishment, were passed by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when Mok Chung-chuen (21) pleaded guilty to the charges of attempted burglary and possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose.

Accused asked for another two offences to be taken into consideration.

According to Det. Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, Ma Fai, a shopkeeper of 124 Portland Street, ground floor, was awakened at 5 a.m. on May 22 and found his front door opened and defendant in the backyard.

When defendant was arrested by detectives after a chase he resisted strongly. On being searched a jemmy and a screw-driver were found in his possession.

Accused also admitted to the Police to having broken into 386 Recitation Street, ground floor, on May 15 and to having stolen money and clothing from So Yu-man.

Hot Meals On High



The new British Solent Class Flying Boat which were put into service at the beginning of the month by BOAC on the U.K.-South Africa route, are installed with the latest de-freezing ovens. Prepared meals are "deep-frozen" until required, and then de-frozen in high temperature ovens also on board, ready for serving.

Health Week Article

**IT IS YOUR DUTY
TO STOP MALARIA**

The subject presented on the third day of the Health Week Series is The Prevention of Malaria. Today almost everyone knows that Malaria is really made up of two words, Mal and aria meaning Bad Air. And today most people know that mosquitoes are the cause of this dreaded disease.

It became easy to prove that malaria was a preventable disease. Since the discovery that mosquitoes carried malaria from one person to another, the disease mortality has dropped to a fraction of its old rate; great tracts of land have been freed from the menace of the deadly killer.

Today in Hong Kong, due to the increasing efforts of the Malaria Bureau and Health Staff, very few people use mosquito nets. However, in spite of this constant guardianship, mosquitoes are ravenous, and fresh cases of malaria occur, some of whom inevitably die.

Water Hazard

Why should this be so? The complete answer would require much space. It is certain however that the co-operation of every understanding human being is wanted inasmuch as every drop of water left carelessly in tin or kong, or pall, or uncovered tank; in the gutters which are blocked, or the newly dug pit or small water hole; every one of those possibilities and numerous others all caused by human agency can be eliminated. Routine work by government Health departments attends to the known-and-charted mosquito breeding areas on the beaches, streams, nullahs and multiple sources of water in the Colony. But less easy it is with

mosquitoes in their blood and to the mosquito infected. The parasite grows in the mosquito and when next she feeds the parasite of malaria is passed over to the bitten person. At the best severe illness is likely; at the worst death is often the sequel.

The danger clear to you? The remedy for prevention is simple. Look to every drop of water lying about, turn every receptacle upside down if in the yard, empty all containers with water once a week or oil them. If you cannot trace the source of mosquito breeding, consult the Health Department and they will help you.

Remember: No Mosquito—No Malaria.

To many of you, experienced in the knowledge of tropical diseases, it may appear odd that only malaria is mentioned, and that yellow fever, filariasis and dengue fever have been neglected. But let us be practical—Malaria is here with us and as yet yellow fever at least is still far away. Greater still—the urge to banish the mosquito for if there are no mosquitoes, there is no danger of any these fell diseases claiming you as victim.

May Be You!

The newly-born female mosquito immediately seeks blood. In a city the human being is the natural selection. That human being may be you. In any country where malaria exists, there are

**"God Never Fines People,"
But Magistrate Heeds Not**

"In view of the prevalence of crime in Hong Kong I was just trying to exhort the people to refrain from committing them," a 24-year-old unemployed, who claimed to have given up wealth and family to be a "servant of Jesus and preach the Gospel" told the Court at Central yesterday when he appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada charged with contempt of court and giving false information to the police.

Leung Kwong-hon, who broke up court proceedings last week by posting a notice of "religious flapdoodle," pleaded guilty. Found guilty by the Magistrate, the youth, who told the Magistrate last week that his idea was to ask His Worship "to deal with people leniently—God never fines people like that," was fined \$20 or 10 days in prison in default. He was also ordered to be expelled.

Over-Religious

He was discharged on the second count.

Asked what he had to say, defendant replied: "I want to advise you to believe in Christ. Do you believe in my God?"

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Defendant turned round and addressed the gallery: "Friends, believe in Jesus!" raising both hands above his head.

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"Why?" the youth asked the Magistrate. "It is just the same here."

Inspector - Moran told the Court that police inquiries as a result of the false information charge revealed that defendant had two relatives at Causeway Bay. Neither wished to take responsibility for their kinman, because of his mental condition.

Because the defendant was found to be a delinquent, having only 10 cents, Insp. Moran added

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More than sixty-five ways to go round the world by Clipper—all at the basic rate of \$1,700—are now offered by Pan American Airways, according to an announcement by Willis G. Lipscomb, Vice-President Traffic and Sales.

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**PI Prewar
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The Consulate of the Philippines announces that, in pursuance of a recent Act of the Congress of the Philippines, treasury certificates of the pre-war series issued by the Government of the Philippines will cease to be of legal tender after June 30, 1948.

Any person holding or possessing, in whatever capacity, treasury certificates of the pre-war series, must present the same on or before June 30, 1948, for exchange with treasury certificates of the Victory series, to the treasurer of any province, chartered city, or municipality, or to any bank duly authorized to do business in the Philippines.

The notice was written in English and Chinese, part of which read: "The King is God; Jesus is good, Woman is bad, widow and widower are worse."

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Candidates should apply to the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretariat on or before 4th June, 1948, for forms of application to enter the examination.

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Applications are invited by the Waterworks Office for appointment as Temporary Assistant Land Surveyors.

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JOSEPH LESLIE QUIE Secretary.

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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at The Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY 27th, May 1948, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with A Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1948, and for the election of Directors and the appointment of Auditors.

The SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Manager, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., 22nd Street, Hong Kong, at noon on Friday, 28th May, 1948, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with A Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, electing Directors and appointing Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June, 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board, JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON LTD., General Managers.

HONG KONG 8th, May 1948.

THE Indo-China STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

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UNFILLED RICE NEEDS

Only Half Of Requirements

Washington, May 25. The International Emergency Food Council announced today the proposed rice allocations for 1948 for all claimant nations except those of Europe.

While the proposed division of the world export supply of rice is as the Associated Press previously reported it, the council made these comments in publicising its decision:

The available export supply of 3,150,000 metric tons is above last year's supply of 2,210,000 tons, only 40 percent of the rice moving in world trade before the war. Meanwhile the population of South and East Asia had increased an average of about 10 million yearly for 10 years.

"These facts indicated the extent of unfilled rice needs in

many deficit countries," the council said. "This is further underlined by the fact the stated requirements of rice-consuming nations totalled 6,110,100 tons in 1948. Thus the amount covered by the recommendations fall short almost 50 percent of meeting the requirement."

The council authorised exchanges of 146,000 tons of



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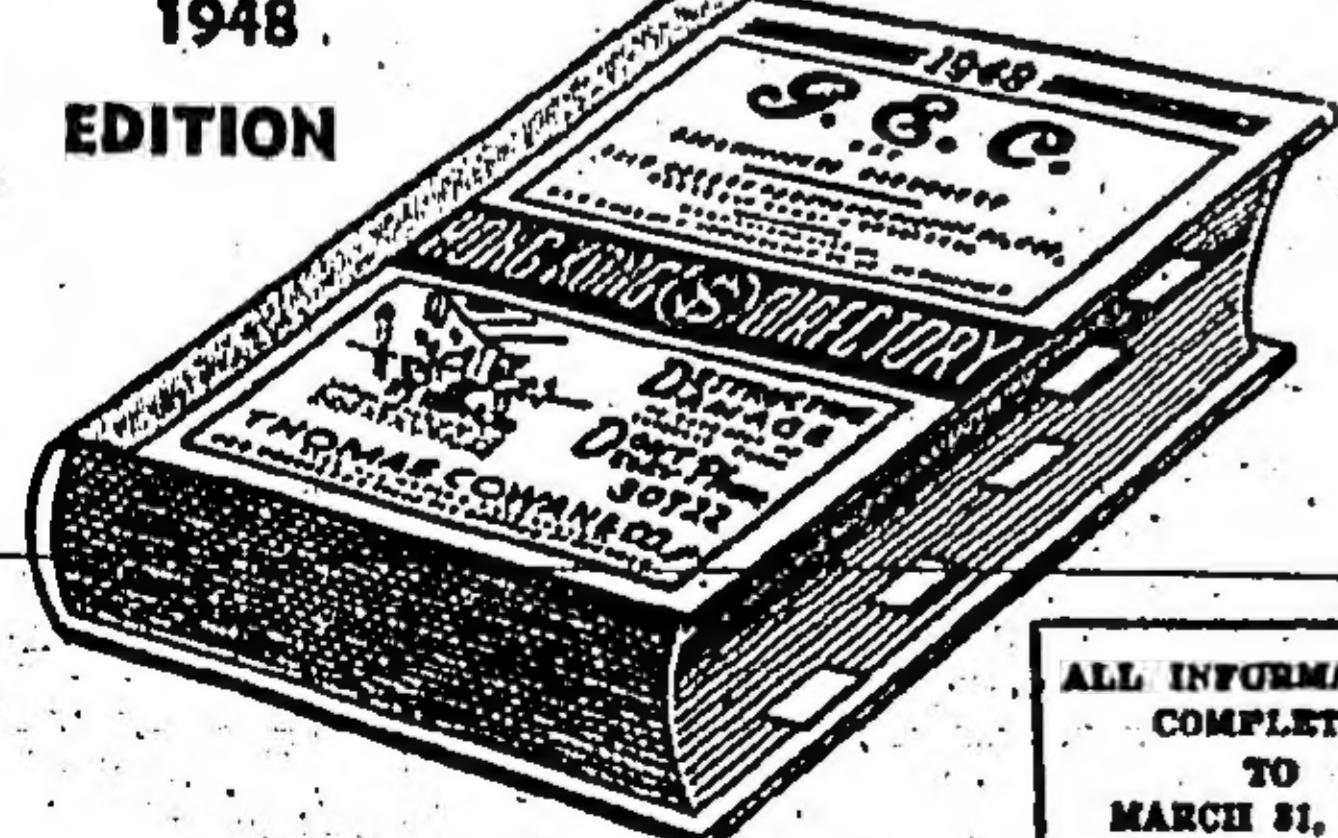
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SMUTS GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES ISRAEL First In The Commonwealth

Severe Blow To British Policy

London, May 24.
South Africa today gave de facto recognition to the provisional Government of the Jewish State of Israel, thus becoming the first British Commonwealth Government to do so.

Marshal Jan Smuts, the Prime Minister, telegraphed South Africa's decision to Mr. Moshe Shertok, Foreign Minister of the State of Israel, in Tel Aviv.

Other states which have already recognised Israel include the United States, Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

In his message to Mr. Shertok, Marshal Smuts said "the Union Government expresses cordial good wishes to the State of Israel as fulfillment of the policy of the Jewish National Home in Palestine and as a contribution to historic justice and to world peace."

Marshal Smuts also said "the recognition is not in respect of any particular boundaries and the Union Government will be prepared to accord similar recognition to any Arab state in Palestine, either as a separate state, or incorporated into the neighbouring Arab states."

Blow To Britain

South Africa's decision to recognise Israel is a severe blow to the British Government's Palestine policy—already under fire in many quarters—political circles in London said today.

The South African decision has increased the isolation of the British delegation at Lake Success. The failure to recognise the Jewish state and the decision to stand by the military clauses of pacts with Egypt, Iraq and Transjordan has already thrown Britain into opposition to the United States and the Soviet Union.

The South African recognition now means that on the critical issue of the future of the Middle East, Britain will also be taking a different line from one of the Dominions.

Not Informed

At the same time it must be expected to add new difficulties to the task of coordinating Commonwealth views on the Middle East and its problems—a job to be faced at the Commonwealth Conference now being planned.

Usually well-informed quarters believe Britain was not definitely informed in advance of South Africa's step.

Officials of the Commonwealth Relations Office and the Foreign Office were clearly embarrassed by the news and refused to comment beyond saying that the question of Palestine has been under constant review between Britain and the Dominions.

There was no sign here today that the other Dominions intended to follow South Africa's example.

In New York, meanwhile, Mrs. Chaim Weizmann, wife of the first President of the Jewish state, said that the Jews are ready to forget the past if Britain recognises the new Jewish state and stops helping its enemies.

With Sorrow

Mrs. Weizmann was addressing the annual convention of the District Grand Lodge No. 1 of the East Britit, the Jewish fraternity order.

GROMYKO VETO BLOCKS COUNCIL MAJORITY

Lake Success, May 24.
Russia used her 24th and 25th votes tonight to bar a United Nations investigation into the February Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.

The vote in the Security Council on a Chilean proposal for the inquiry was 9-2. Russia and the Soviet Ukraine dissented and the Russian vote constituted a veto.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko shortly before had exercised another veto to block Italy's admission to the UN on April 10.

Tonight's voting climaxed debate on the case which has been under hearing since March 17.

In filing the case, Chile demanded that the Council investigate Russia's role in the Jewish state, said that the Jews are ready to forget the past if Britain recognises the new Jewish state and stops helping its enemies.

U.S. Attack

US delegate Warren Austin took the floor after the voting to assail the use of the double veto.

"The United States does not recognise this as a precedent," Mr. Austin said.

"The veto in this case has attempted to prevent a presentation of facts to the world."

Mr. Austin said the Council should not let the matter rest. He suggested that Council members collect information and make statements to the Council.

He added the US was ready to follow this policy.

Under the principle adhered to here tonight, Russia would be empowered under any conditions to exercise a veto on a vote as to whether an issue was subject to the veto.

This question arises because the UN Charter provides that questions of substance are subject to the big power veto and questions of procedure are not.—Associated Press.

PLANE HITS CABLE

Faversham, May 24.
Two men were killed when a Miles Master plane hit an electric cable and crashed on the Margate London road near Faversham, in Kent, last night.—Reuter.

Talks On Austria Suspended

London, May 24.
Mr. Samuel Reber of the United States, chairman of the Foreign Ministers Deputies, said tonight that the Big Four Austrian treaty talks had been suspended indefinitely.

Mr. Reber said Mr. Keith's appointment of Mr. Gerald Keith, counsellor of the United States Embassy, as liaison officer for exchange of information with the Secretariat or with representatives of other powers after his departure, probably next week.

Mr. Reber said Mr. Keith's appointment provided continuing machinery for the resumption of talks if and when Russia should give some indication that it would not insist on rectification of Austria's frontier in favour of Yugoslavia and payment of reparations to Yugoslavia.

"I want to emphasize that this suspension is not a break," stated Mr. Reber. "It provides continuity for the calling of a new meeting with as little delay as possible, as soon as there is some indication of a real basis to go ahead."

The American representative said also that he had made his

Traitor May Have Stolen Code

Washington, May 24.
The State Department may change the code in its communications with the American Embassy in Moscow as a precautionary move after the detention of an American army sergeant there recently.

A spokesman of the State Department denies reports here that the sergeant, James McMillan, had left with details of a top secret code, or anything else, but "nevertheless, of course, we are taking necessary precautions."

Sergeant McMillan refused to return to America as "in protest against the anti-Soviet policies" of his Government. He was a teletype operator in the Embassy code room and had access to secret information.—Reuter.

Trade With Japan

No Compulsion On Philippines

Washington, May 24.
Officials today said that the United States had no intention of trying to force the Philippines to accept visits by Japanese traders if the Filipinos opposed this.

Commenting on Manila reports of "rumours that the United States is planning to bring Japanese carpet-baggers and traders" back to the Philippines, officials pointed out that the Japanese could under no conditions visit the Islands unless the Philippine Government gave its approval.

General Douglas MacArthur has been empowered by the United States Government to make bilateral arrangements with any country willing to permit Japanese traders to visit it temporarily for purposes of restoring both the export and import trade of the former enemy.

General MacArthur was granted this power after the United States failed in the Far Eastern Commission to secure agreement to its proposal to permit Japanese students, businessmen and Government officials to visit foreign countries to re-establish pre-war contacts.

One of the strongest opponents of the American proposal in the Commission was the Philippine delegate, Brigadier General Carlos Romulo, who was backed by the majority of the Commission.

To Own Interest?

Officials here said the Filipinos undoubtedly had more reason than almost any other nation to feel bitter toward the Japanese. They added, however, that they hoped the Filipinos would permit some resumption of trade contracts in their own interest. They said this resumption need not take the form of exploitation or permitting the Japanese to gain ascendancy in domestic industries, but merely to arrange for exchange of products which might be mutually advantageous.

They said this could be closely controlled by the Philippine Government through its exercise of permission for Japanese to enter the country and its decision as to how long any trader might stay.

Officials asserted that if the Philippines completely closed the door to the Japanese, this might react to the detriment of the Filipinos themselves.

India Example

They point out that other Far Eastern nations are proceeding with the re-establishment of trade contacts with the Japanese and expressed the opinion that limited action of this kind might be beneficial to Philippine economy.

They cited as example the Japanese trade mission which recently visited India and said that the Indian Government was now making arrangements to appoint a Trade Commissioner to Japan. They added that the Indians hoped both to secure some Japanese textiles and other products to dispose of some cotton and other raw materials to Japan.

They cited also the Australian announcement that negotiations for a comprehensive trade agreement between Japan and countries of the sterling area were expected to commence in Tokyo shortly. The United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, British possessions in the Middle East, Malaya, Hong Kong and Fiji will be represented at the negotiations, and probably India, Pakistan, Ceylon and South Africa.—United Press.

ARAB POLITICAL MANOEUVRING

Cairo, May 24.
The full meaning of Azzam Pasha's recent statement that Haj Amin El Husseini, exiled Mufti of Jerusalem, is out of the present Palestine situation may not become apparent until the fighting is over.

Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, did not elaborate other than to indicate that the Mufti's presence in Cairo while the Arab army high command carries on in Amman suggests that he is on the side lines, at least during the military phase.

The Mufti's prestige undoubtedly suffered from the recent reverses of the Arab voluntary army under his old associate, Fawzi Kuwak. King Abdullah, who has been urged by the mayor of some Palestinian Arab towns to become their king, was quoted recently as criticizing the Arab Higher Committee which Husseini leads.

Abdullah may have been preparing the way for a bid against the Mufti in post-war Palestine.

King Farouk of Egypt said before the Arab armies entered the Holy Land that Palestinian Arabs would be allowed to choose their own Government. Husseini called on Sunday on Ibrahim Abdul Hadi Fazl, chief of King Farouk's Cabinet. What they discussed was not disclosed. For the time being the Mufti is not talking for publication.—Associated Press.

Homage To RAF Ace

Rome, May 24.
Hundreds of Rome's Jews paid homage today to George "Buzz" Beurling, Canadian fighter pilot, when funeral services were held at the Vittoriano Protestant Church.

Jewish shops were closed in honour of the Montreal fighter who shot down more than 30 planes over Malta during the war.

Beurling was killed with another noted war flier, Leonard V. Cohen, of Liverpool, when the plane they were to fly to Palestine crashed at Rome's airport.

A funeral service for Cohen was held last week and he was buried in Rome's Jewish Cemetery.

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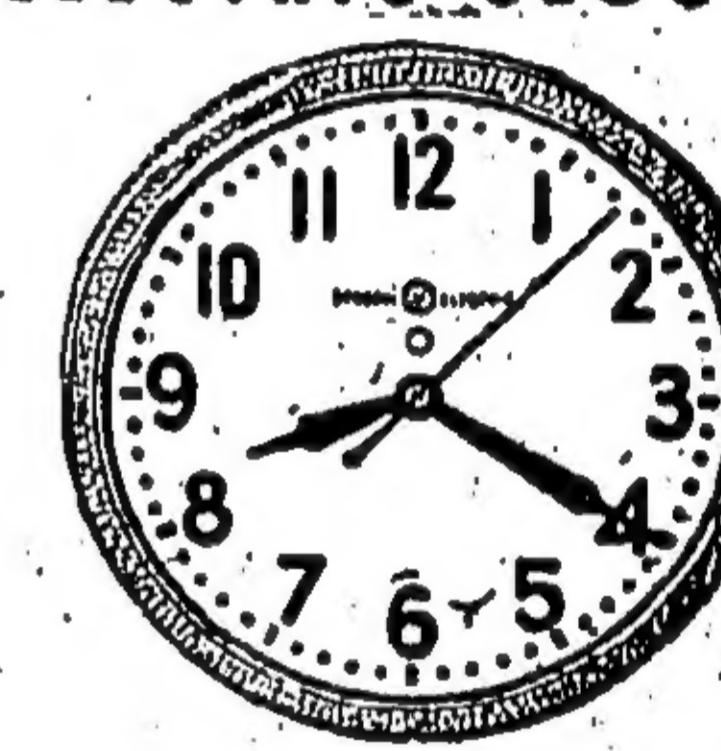
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CEASE FIRE DEADLINE EXTENSION

Arabs Given To To-Day To Answer U.N. Query

Britain Urges Acceptance: Reluctance In Cairo

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MANILA SALVAGE

Manila, May 24. A 22,000-ton Japanese tanker sunk by an American torpedo bomber on September 24, 1944 has been refloated from the muddy depths of Manila Bay after 17 days of salvage operations.

There are 80 to 90 more such wrecks in the bay, awaiting salvage.—United Press.

Demand For Metals

New York, May 25. Copper, lead and zinc producers reported orders for June delivery were coming in at the same high rate as in previous months this year. Foreign demand for metals increased as dollar shortages eased. Mine output gained in some areas but was unable to keep up with increased demand.

Quicksilver prices advanced on Friday US\$2 a flask to US\$7.75.

The US House of Representatives approved a four year subsidy bill, providing payment of US\$80,000,000 a year to high cost producers of strategic metals and minerals. About two-thirds of this would go to copper, lead and zinc mines.

Copper prices held firm at 21½ cents a pound Connecticut Valley, 21½ to 22½ cents for foreign origin copper, New York.

Lead was firm at 17½ cents a pound, Gulf of Mexico.

The House of Representatives approved and sent to the Senate a bill to suspend import duties on lead until June 30, 1949.

Zinc prices were firm at 12 cents St. Louis and 12½ cents, Gulf of Mexico. Special high-grade brought as much as 13½ cents a pound cased, New York and Texas.

Nickel, 33½ cents a pound, Plum Island, US\$98 an ounce wholesale US\$101 retail. Tungsten ore domestic, US\$30 a ton, Chinese, duty paid, US\$27-US\$28 nominal.—Associated Press.

Winston In Accident

Westham, May 24. Mr. Winston Churchill escaped injury on Saturday when a jeep in which he was touring the area of the heat fire that broke out near his home here, overturned on a rough track and bogged down.

The vehicle was righted by firemen, but Mr. Churchill continued the inspection on foot.—Reuters.

US MAY MAKE NEW DEMAND

Washington, May 24. The State Department was reported today to be considering a new demand on Lebanon to free the 41 American citizens removed from a United States ship en route to Palestine.

Diplomatic authorities said this is among the steps under consideration following Lebanon's refusal on Sunday to release the group.

Forty-one Americans along with 28 other nationalities have been held in a concentration camp since they were taken from the Marine Corp on May 19.—Associated Press.

AMERICAN APPEAL TO ARABS

Washington, May 24. The United States has appealed directly to the seven Arab nations to comply with the United Nations Security Council's cease-fire order in Palestine.

The State Department announced that American representatives have been directed by telegraph to inform the Arab Governments that the United States is "gravely disturbed" at the course of developments in Palestine.

The instructions despatched on Sunday expressed the hope the Arabs would cooperate with United Nations efforts to end the fighting.

Press officer Michael McDermott noted that the United States made the appeal on its own initiative and that the action followed representations on the Palestine issue to the Arab States and Jewish leaders.

McDermott confirmed that Ambassador Lewis Douglas had conferred over the week-end with Ernest Bevin on the Palestine question and it is "quite possible" they conferred again today, he said.

WRITER DEAD

Manila, May 24. Jesus Balmori, the Philippines' leading veteran writer for Spanish periodicals, died here on Sunday after a lingering illness. He was 61 years old.—Reuters.

NEWSPRINT CUTS PROTESTED

London, May 24. Britain's newspaper publishers protested to Board of Trade President Harold Wilson today against possible further cuts next year in already shrunken newsprint imports.

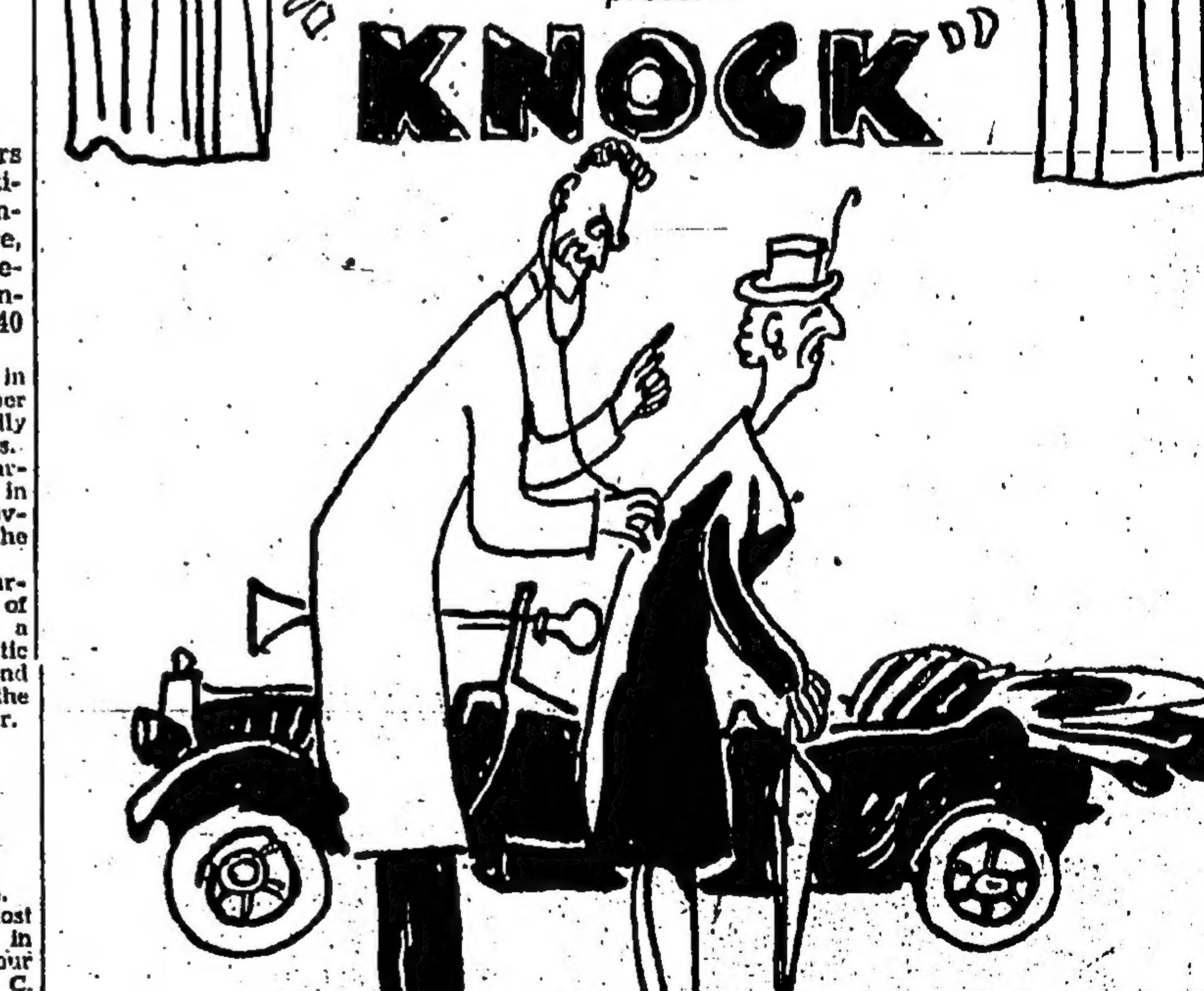
The protest followed receipt of a letter from Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps indicating that Canadian and Newfoundland supplies might have to be cut to 30,000 tons in 1949.

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Grim Find At Potter's Bar Golf Course

Fingerprint Test At Blackburn

London, May 24.
Scotland Yard fingerprint experts went to work today on a human arm believed to be from a young boy—found in a water hazard on a London golf course, while other detectives searched fruitlessly for clues in the recent slayings of three other children.

The arm, hacked off crudely near the shoulder, was found by two boys hunting golf balls yesterday in a pond at Potter's Bar golf course.

A little later, the police found a human pelvis and sent the grisly remains to Dr. Donald Teare, Home Office pathologist, who said they were parts of the body of a young boy.

Dr. Teare said the youth had been dead for probably three weeks.

Sounds of detectives and police drained the two ponds at the golf course in search of further remains and clues.

At Blackburn, Lancashire, the entire male population volunteered to submit to fingerprinting in an attempt to solve the murder of four-year-old June Anne Devaney, who was snatched from her bed in Queen's Park Hospital and brutally killed nine days ago.

Mayor's Appeal

The Mayor of Blackburn, Mr. R. Suddon, appealed to the town's 30,000 men to forgo their legal rights and allow the police to take impressions of their left hand thumbs and forefingers.

Detectives will match the prints with those found on the window of the children's ward where June was staying and on a bottle which the murderer reportedly had picked up.

Still uninvolved in the same area is the murder of 11-year-old John Quenlin Smith, who was stabbed to death in broad daylight last month 200 yards from his home.

CHINA'S POSSIBILITIES

London, May 25.
A special correspondent of "The Times" describes, in an article, the China scene as witnessed from Nanking.

The correspondent writes dispassionately on the problems and difficulties but points out that even in the welter of disturbance arising from the civil war there are not wanting signs of the unlimited possibilities of China if only political stability could be achieved.

The writer illustrate the theme by recounting the achievements of the past two years by the Ministry of Communications. The Shanghai-Nanking railway is being run extremely efficiently. In the 16 months since the Civil Aeronautic Administration was set up there has been only one accident, and that not serious, on internal airlines. Efforts are now being made to establish an overall air mail service.

In the progress China has made the correspondent sees an indication of what could be done if political handicaps could be overcome.

FAVOUR WFTU

Tokyo, May 25.
The Japanese National Congress of Industrial Unions—the nation's largest labour union with a total membership of 1,600,000—at an eleventh-hour meeting, reversed its earlier decision to support a Government-sponsored request for Japan's admission into the International Labour Organization.

In a statement issued yesterday, union leaders declared that there existed the danger of the ILO being utilised to break up the world labour front.

The Japanese National Congress of Industrial Unions would prefer to join the World Federation of Labour Unions, the statement added.—Reuter.

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HONG KONG CELEBRATES THE INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK. Our picture shows the colourful scene in Wanchai while preparations were being made for the procession through the City in honour of the induction of Chiang Kai-shek as the first constitutionally-elected President of the Republic. (China Mail Photo)



A COCKTAIL PARTY in honour of Mr. M. J. Buckley, Senior Vice-President of the American President Lines was given at the Hong Kong Hotel last Thursday. Photo above shows Mr. J. Cahill and party. (China Mail Photo)



ANOTHER GROUP in the Jacobean Room last Thursday when the American President Lines entertained. On the right are Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. Alex Black. (China Mail Photo)

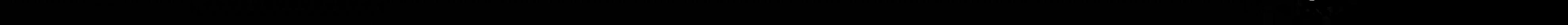
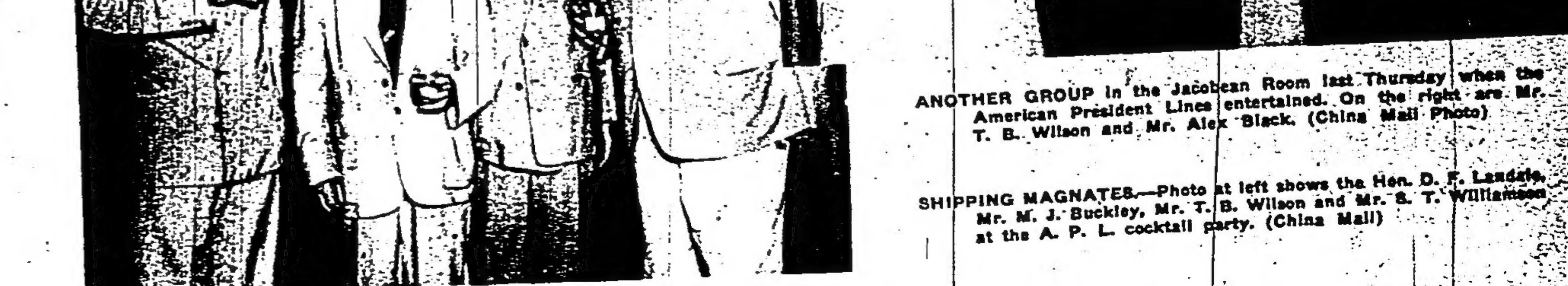
SHIPPING MAGNATES.—Photo at left shows the Hon. D. F. Landis, Mr. M. J. Buckley, Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. S. T. Williamson at the A. P. L. cocktail party. (China Mail)



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CUTTING THE CAKE at the wedding of Mr. Lee Hin Se and Miss Wong Ye Ha. Miss Wong is a daughter of Mr. Wong Yu Ke, general manager of the Bank of Chung Nan, Hong Kong. (Francis Wu)



"THE SPOILED PRINCESS" was staged at the Wah Yan College theatre recently. Here is a scene from the highly successful show. (Ming Yuen)



FOOTBALL CUP. Mr. H. K. Lee, acting Chairman of the H.K. Football Association, presenting the Senior Knock-out Schools' Football Competition cup to the captain of Queen's College, the winners. (China Mail)

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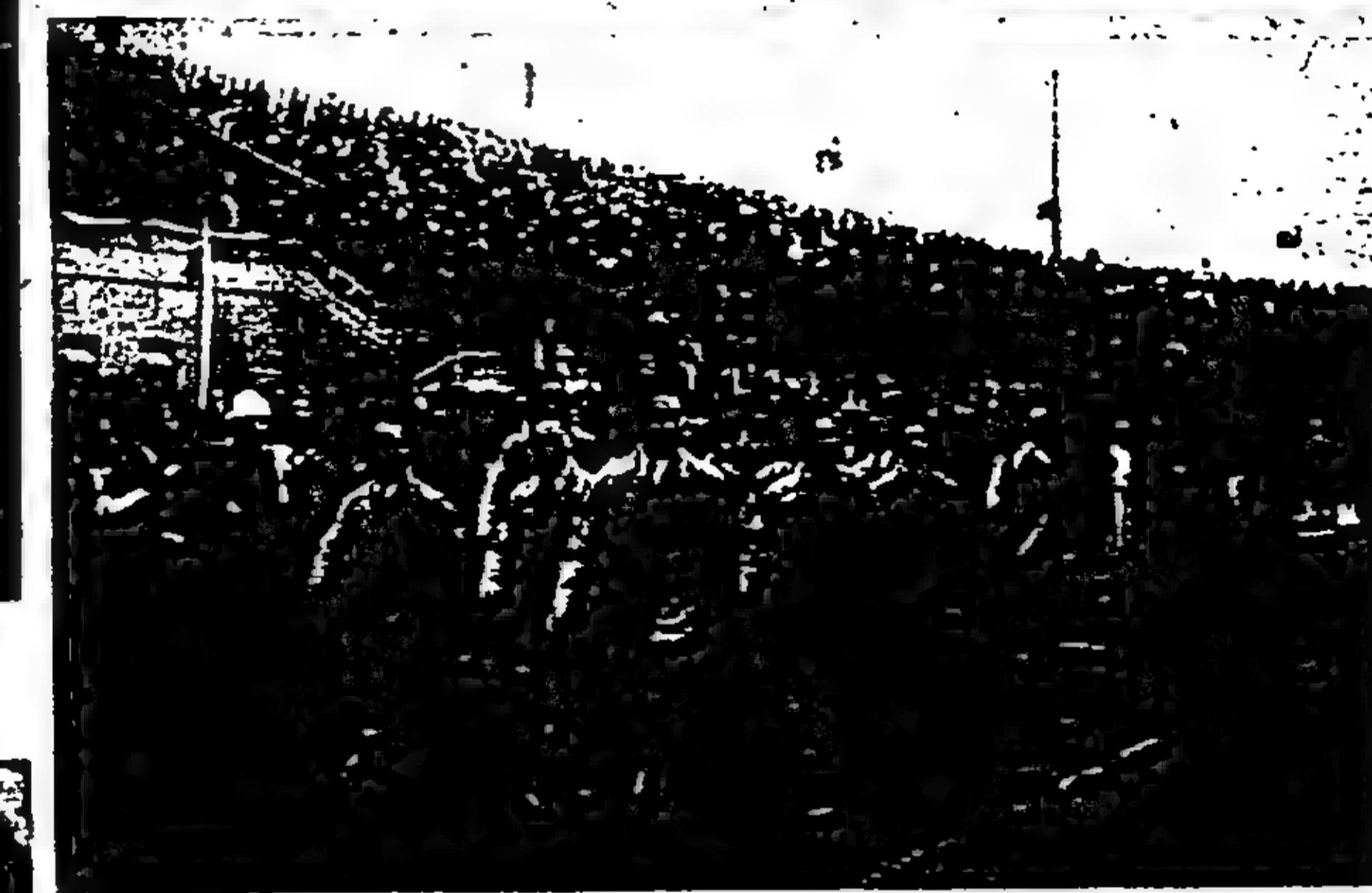
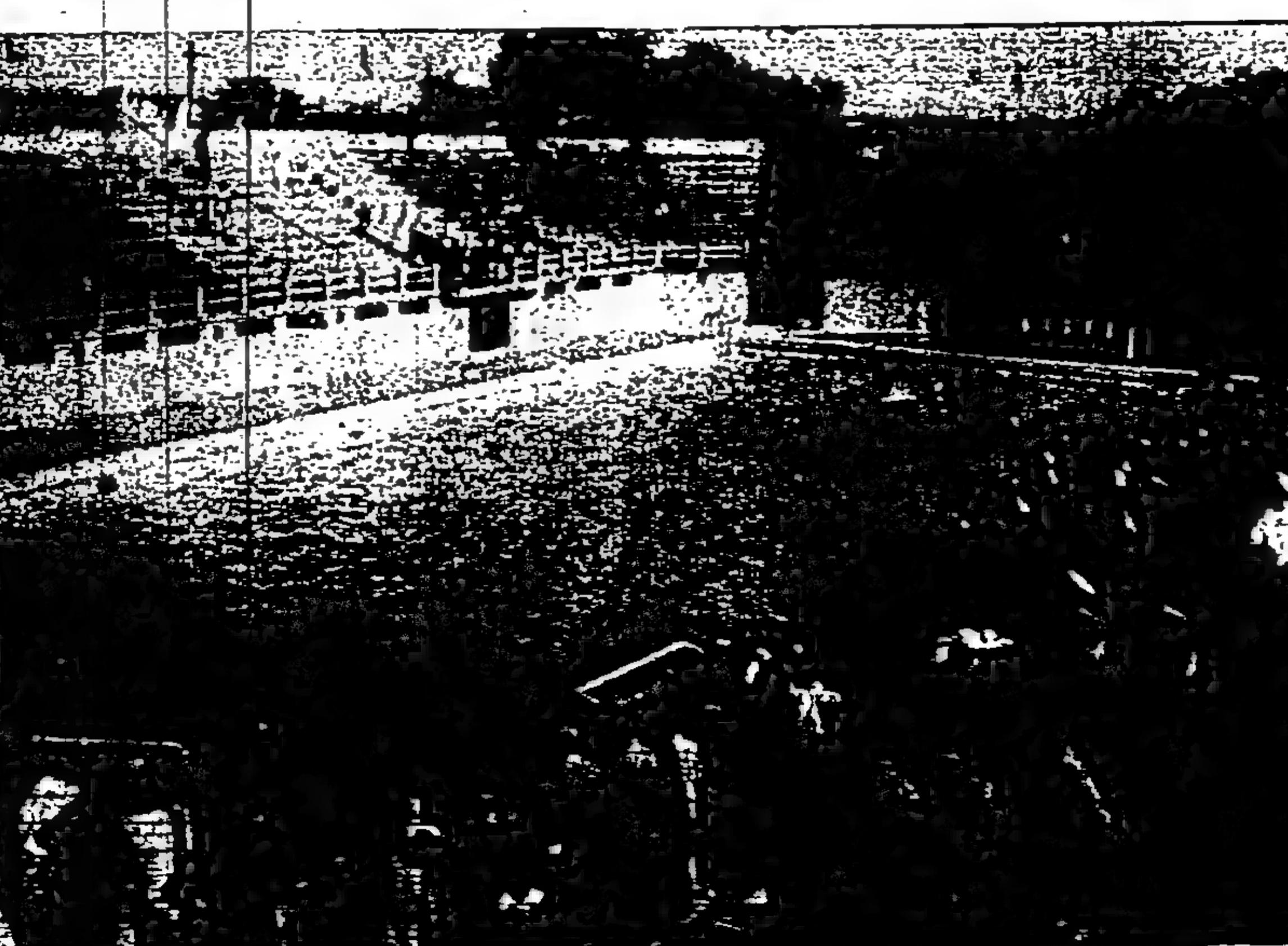


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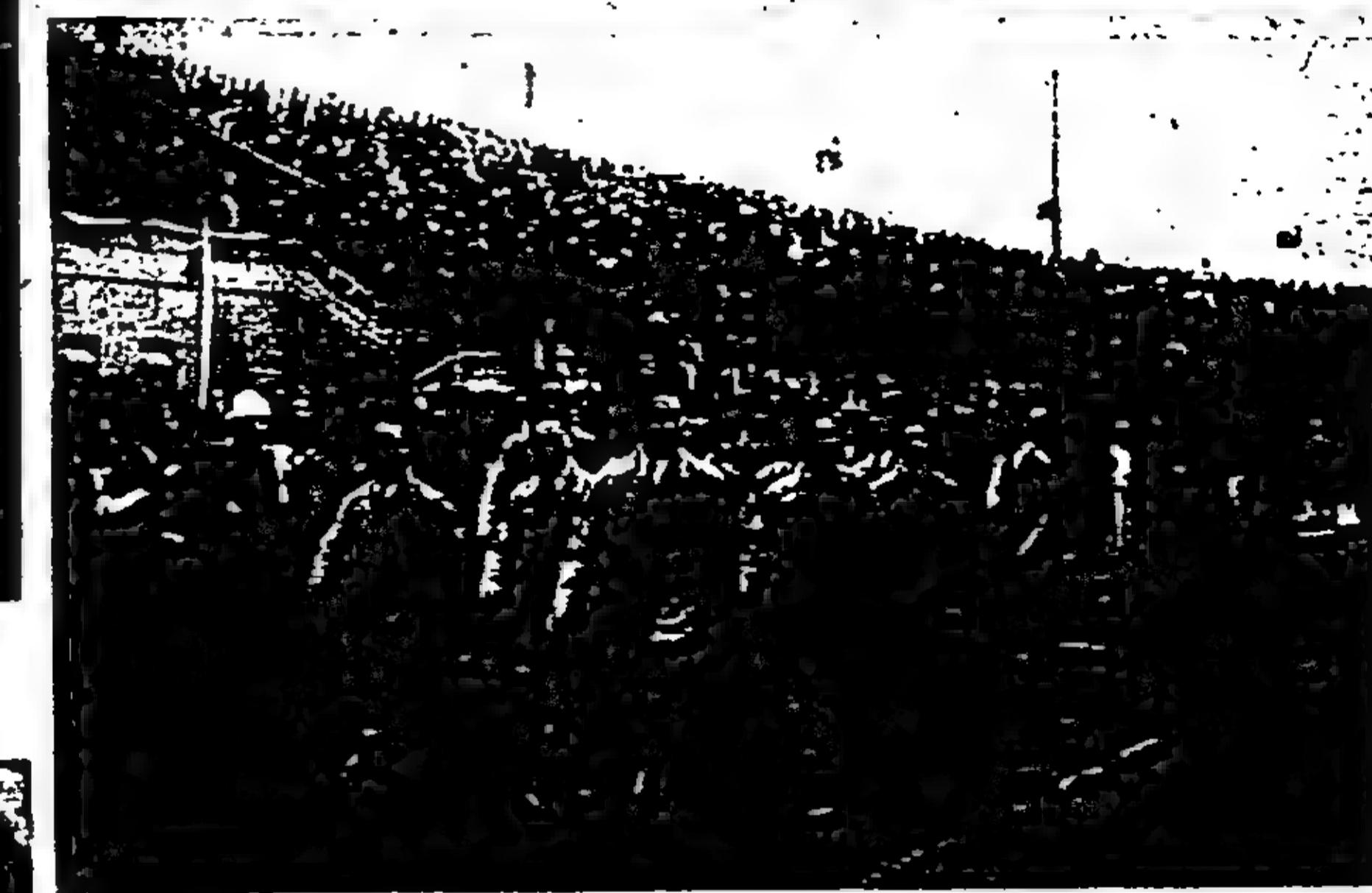
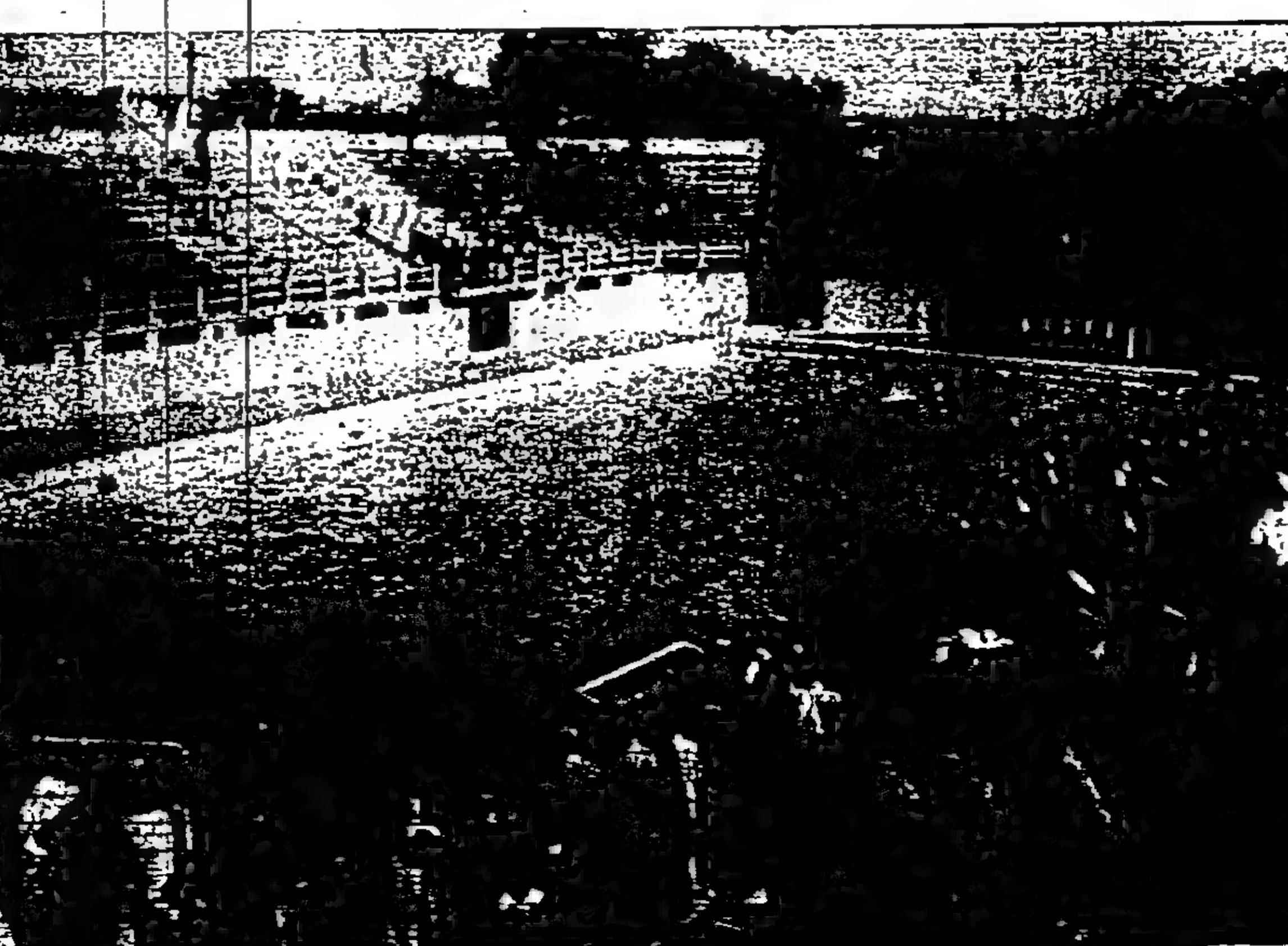


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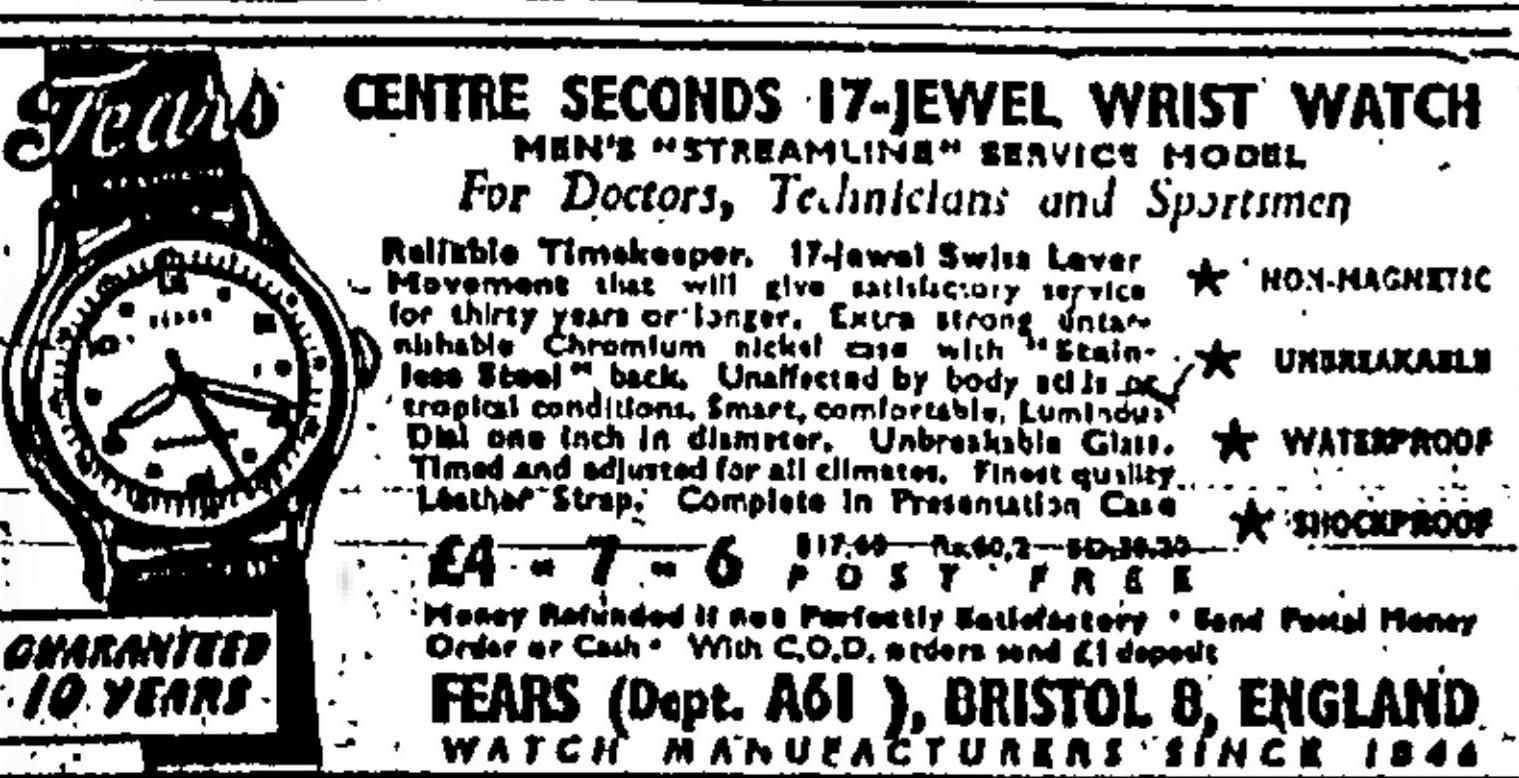
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BRUSSELS ALLIANCE TO REMAIN REGIONAL PACT

Abandonment Of Plans For Extension Guarantees The Snag

London, May 24. Plans to extend the Brussels Alliance Western Union to an all-embracing Western European defence alliance have been abandoned, it is learned from authoritative diplomatic sources today.

The Western Union is to remain primarily a regional grouping limited to its present membership of Britain, France and the Benelux countries developed into a core of ultimate regional collective security.

It is envisaged that it would be linked with other similar forthcoming regional groupings in Western Europe—above all Scandinavia and the Mediterranean area—rather than absorb other European states.

The reasons for the change of approach to the future European defence alignment is said to be threefold:

Firstly, the increasing reluctance among Brussels Western Union members to extend automatic military guarantees and assistance to a wider circle of nations at the present juncture.

Secondly, the aloofness of the Scandinavian countries to the Western Union Alliance.

Thirdly, certain objections on the part of the Dominions against Britain's over-expanding her obligations.

A Merger It is envisaged that efforts will be made to align any Scandinavian and Near Eastern Union with the Western Union when they emerge from the present stage of negotiations among the northern and Mediterranean countries, respectively.

It is envisaged that prior to any further moves, the Western Union in its present limited shape should be welded in a strong economic and military grouping based on common regional interests and a common ideological approach, these sources said.

The military five-power talks which are now in progress in London are understood to be making good progress foreshadowing eventual joint defence plans under a joint command.

Reluctance The reluctance to make the Western Union an all-embracing European alliance springs from objections on the part of some of

FRENCH DEMAND

London, May 24. Franco is reported to be demanding that the United States guarantee military aid to the Western European alliance as a price for approving the American plan to rebuild Germany's industry.

Diplomatic officials said today the French demand has blocked an accord among the Western powers on Germany's economic and political future.

American officials are described as unwilling to commit themselves on a military pact.

Officials close to the conference report that the French delegation, with the support of Belgium, the Netherlands—and Luxembourg, has approved in principle a plan to give to the Western Germans a Government of their own with a large measure of economic independence.

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But they have raised simultaneously a demand that the United States commit itself to American support if any of the Western European alliance countries is attacked.

US officials remained confident an agreement will be reached on the American plan, which would give Western Germany a full partnership in the European Recovery Programme.

The British were less hopeful. They cautioned against anticipating a full accord at the present conference which has been in session for more than a month. Associated Press.

British Interest In ECAFE

London, May 25. The great interest which Britain is taking in the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East which is to be inaugurated by Mr. Pandit Nehru, India's Prime Minister, is indicated by the strong delegation appointed by London to attend.

Sir Andrew Clow, who heads the British group, will be remembered not only as a former Governor of Assam but also as one who during a period of over 30 years in the Indian Civil Service was particularly associated with matters dealing with labour and industrial problems there.

In 1927 he wrote a historical survey of Indian factory legislation and has also written a book on the Indian Workmen's Compensation Act and another entitled "The State and Industry."

Travelling to India with Sir Andrew as alternate delegate is Mr. P. J. Stent, who was a member of the Indian Civil Service for 24 years in the Central Provinces. He retired in 1938 and the last four years of his services was Commissioner of Nagpur. For the past five years he has been with the British Foreign Service. He was United Kingdom representative on the Far East Council of U.N.R.R.A. in China and was a member of the devastated Areas Working Party.

Explosion On Destroyer

Paris, May 24. A diver is missing and three workmen were slightly injured by an explosion aboard a destroyer in Toulon naval harbour tonight. The vessel was being dismantled when the explosion occurred.—Reuters.

Congressman On War Path

Washington, May 24. Congressman J. Sabath, Democrat from Illinois, alleged in a letter to the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee today that Britain had utilised funds from the United States to furnish Arab forces with arms and equipment.

He said that "if Great Britain can afford to spend millions to finance Arab armies, to furnish King Abdulla with an annual subsidy of \$3,000,000 and to provide British officers to lead the Arab Legion to slaughter innocent men and women in Jerusalem, she should not be entitled to the American taxpayer's money."—Reuters.

Weather Cause Of Power Failure

London, May 24. The weather was blamed today for two extensive electric power failures which blacked out much of Southern England on Sunday.

Some 200,000 extra kilowatts were needed from the nation's power stations because the noon temperature was 48.5 degrees, 10 lower than forecast, Lord Citrine explained. He is chairman of the newly nationalised British Electricity Authority.

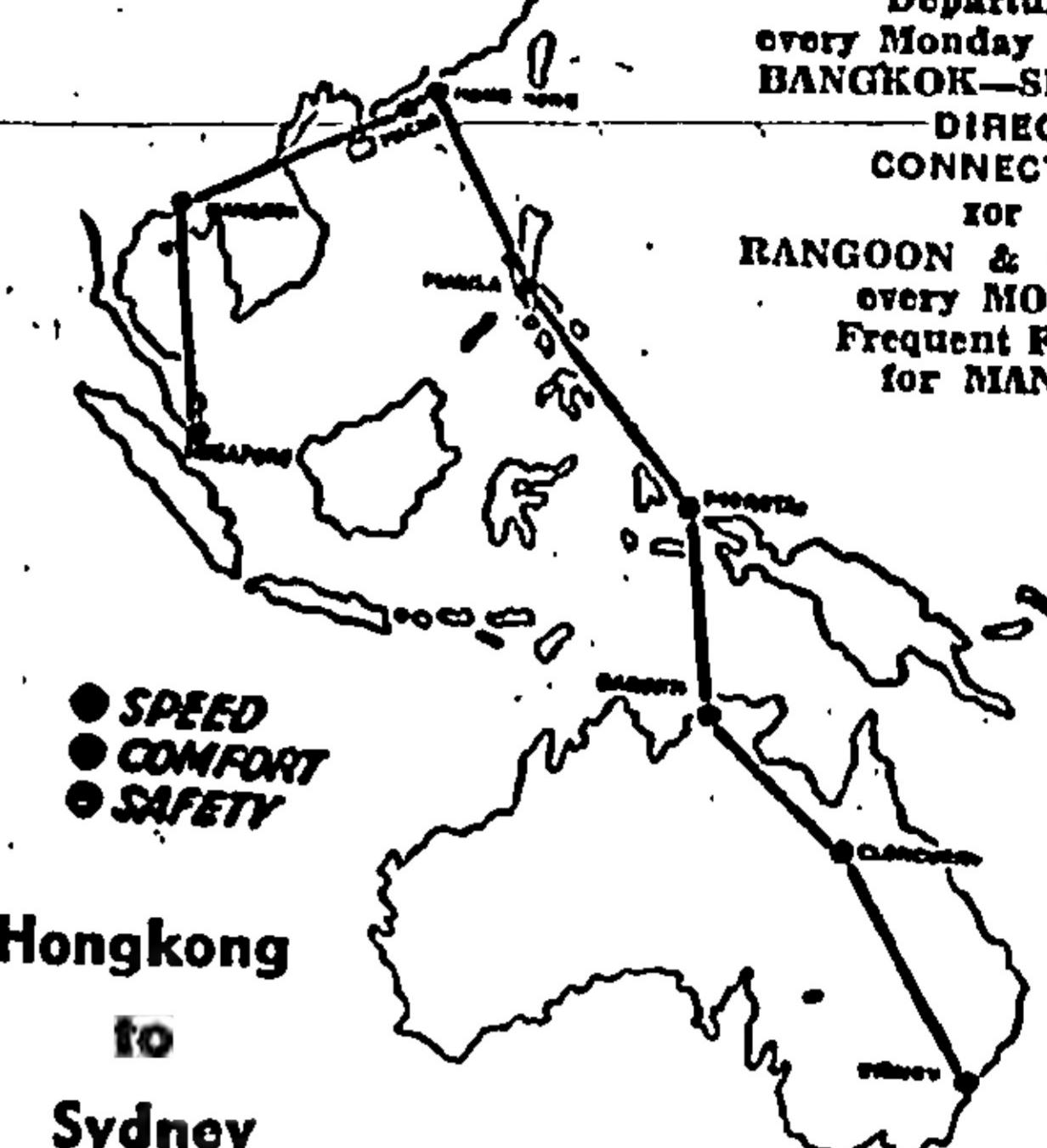
On Sunday maintenance work had closed some plants, he said, and two faulty cables broke down under the heavy additional loads required.

With many people telephoning him personally to end the two to four hour failures, Lord Citrine said he found Sunday a "very trying day." Millions of Britons whose lights dimmed, radios stopped and Sunday joints went uncooked, agreed with him.

Continued cold weather caused small local power cuts again today.—Associated Press.

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CRISIS IN FINLAND GETS WORSE

Helsinki, May 24. Finland's political crisis worsened tonight when leaders of the People's Democrat Party (a coalition of Communists and extreme Socialists) threatened to call a general strike for tomorrow unless President Paasikivi appointed party members as Minister of the Interior and as Deputy Foreign Minister.

They also threatened to "surround" the Government Building tomorrow when the President and Cabinet meet to decide on the new appointments.

Immediate cause of the crisis was the dismissal of the Communist Minister of the Interior, Yrjoe Leino, after he had been censured in Parliament last week for illegally delivering to the Russians 10 Finnish subjects and 10 stateless persons in 1945.

Leino, who was Minister of the Interior, was also head of the State Police, was replaced by the Education Minister Eino Kilpi, a member of the Social Democratic Party which had strongly criticised the State Police for illegal arrests, illegally opening letters, tapping telephone calls and "beating the striking force of the Communist Party."

Ships Held Up Ships held up 34 ships—half of them foreign—due to sail this morning. Shipping is also paralysed in other ports, including Kotka, where 10 ships are immobilised.

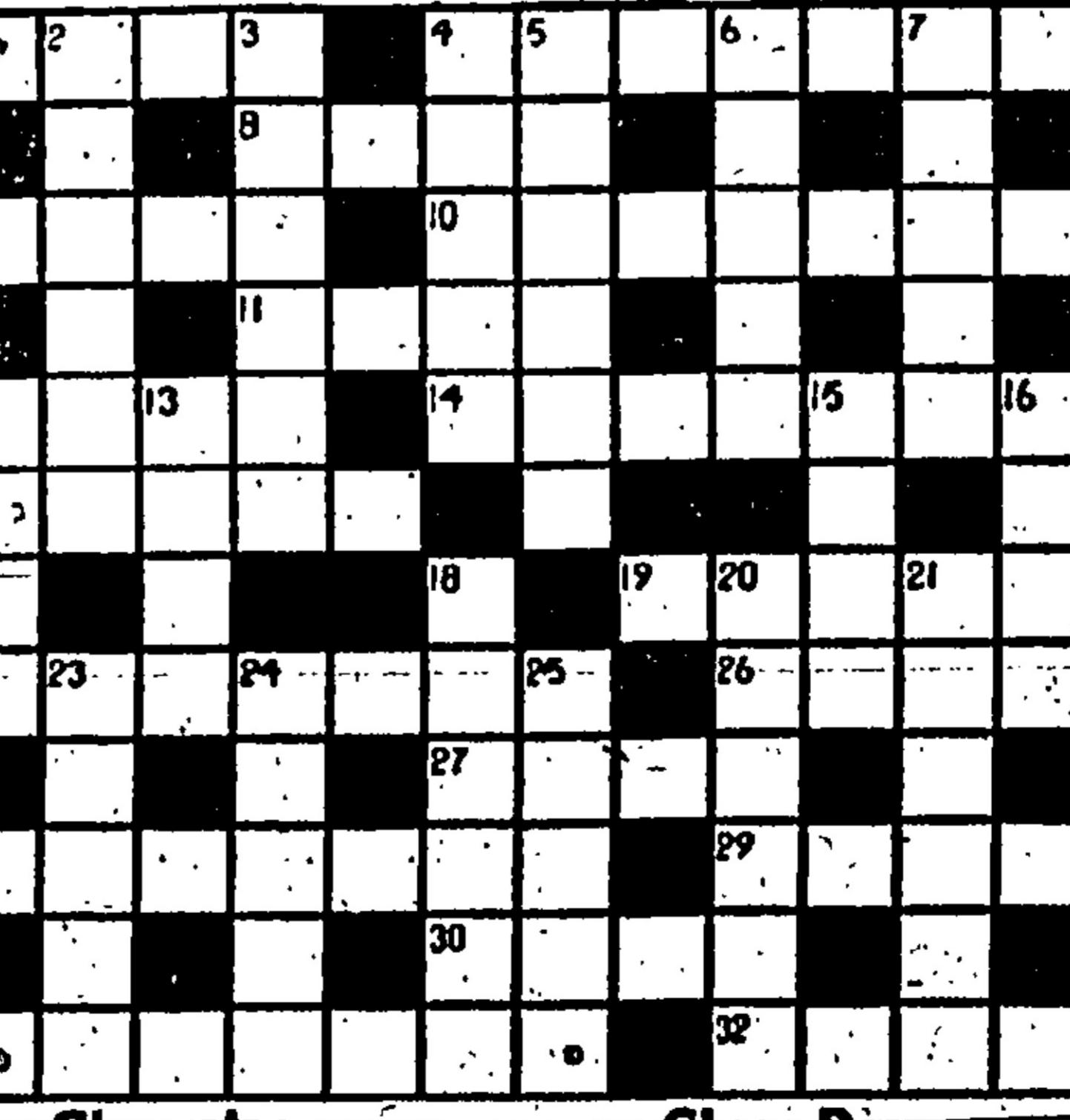
Three thousand factory workers, meanwhile, are on strike in Turku, 500 in Helsinki and considerable numbers at Tampere and other industrial centres.—Reuters.

Emergency

Helsinki, May 24. Workers throughout Finland struck today in protest against the Government's dismissal of the Communist Interior Minister, Yrjoe Leino.

Cabinet members held emergency conferences to seek a solution to the unprecedented crisis.

Leino told a cheering mass meeting of 10,000 followers: "We shall not surrender the post to any other Party."—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE**Clues Across**

- 1 Smart. 22 Trenchery.
- 4 Meadowland. 26 Well.
- 8 Den. 27 Fashion.
- 9 Unfasten. 28 Beg.
- 10 Deserving. 29 Talk wildly.
- 11 Restrain. 30 Equipment.
- 12 Slim. 31 Tampered.
- 13 Pig sleek. 32 Full.
- 14 Divert. suddenly.
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Clues Down

- 2 Kind of cab. 18 Uncommon.
- 3 Timpani. 19 Act of fealty.
- 4 Pillars. 20 Wine.
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- 7 Cooker. 23 Dodo.
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Yesterday's Crossword

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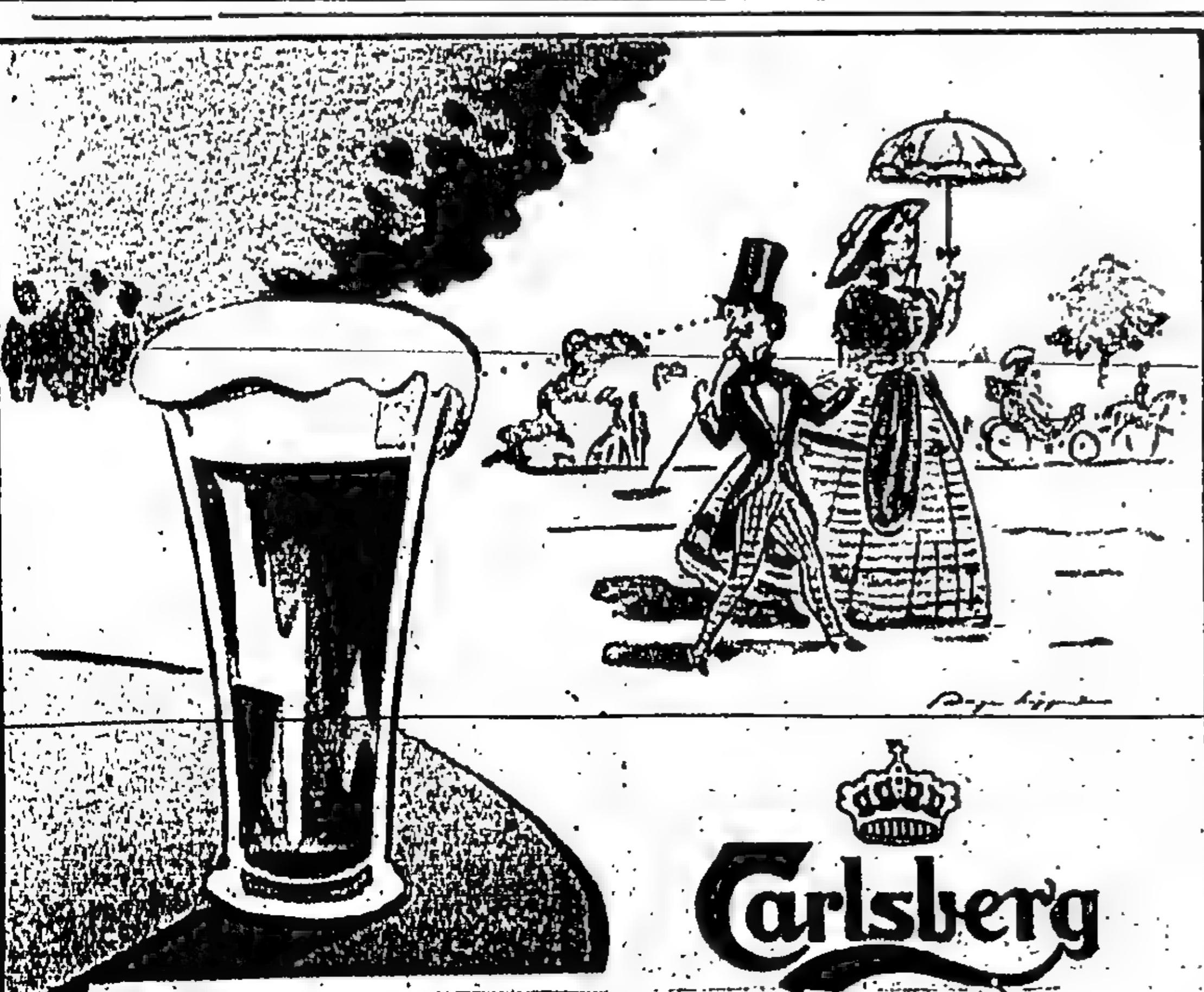
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The Few Hotel Children Play Listlessly Or Gaze In Envy At The Gardeners Splashing Around With Watering-Cans

PAKISTAN IS PICTURESQUE

By IAN LANG

Eight-foot letters across one of the corner turrets announces that it's the Palace-Hotel, Karachi. It might more appropriately be called Hotel Pakistan.

The traffic round about the gates is the solar plexus of this infant Dominion capital. Across the road is the Governor-General's house, where the fluttering star and crescent flag tells that Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Pakistan's great leader, is in residence. Beyond lies the panorama of the city.

Turn right outside the hotel's northern gate and the second house you come to is the residence of the British High Commissioner, Sir Laurence Granby-Smith. For the rest of the Diplomatic Corps you needn't step outside the hotel. It is all here.

At lunch-time in the panelled grill room you can sit at ease and inspect the Ambassadors as they sit at the tables ranged along the walls.

The second table from the door is reserved for the United States Ambassador, Mr. Paul Ailing, quiet, friendly, youthful-looking in spite of greying hairs.

From France

A recent arrival is the French Ambassador, M. Marchal has an air of wary, weary urbanity that reminds me of a star of the Comédie Française—Louis Jouvet, perhaps.

Invariably lunching together are "Turko" and "Gippo"—as they are known to the irreverent; more formally, the Turkish Ambassador and the Egyptian Charge d'Affaires.

T.Y.K. Beyatoff, from Ankara is a distinguished Turkish poet, but looks like everybody's kind, elderly uncle. Egypt's M. El Hussein El Khalil has solemn, dark eyes, and all the diplomatic wives agree he is most charming and sympathetic.

From time to time the lean, debonair King's Messenger appears, between journeys with the Foreign Office "bag" by air to the North-West Frontier and then, precariously and dustily, by road through the Khyber Pass to Kabul—surely one of the most strenuous beats covered by any of His Majesty's Messengers.

Apart from the diplomats, the residents are varied and interesting. There is the financial expert to Pakistan by the Bank of England, looking as solidly and robustly British as the bank itself, the representative of the famous London printing firm which is producing the Dominion's new currency notes; the Soviet agent whose bulk purchases of Punjab cotton have set everybody talking; the brisk young Hungarian from Cardiff who is busy about a new chemical works; the genial poly-lingual Scotman from Blantyre, who represents a great Manchester engineering-firm.

In and out of the grillroom's gauze-panelled swing doors pass Pakistan Cabinet Ministers and high officials, foreign experts, British staff officers of the Pakistani Army (wearing jungle-green, although there is no jungle in Pakistan and the landscape is uniformly pale khaki); journalists of all nations; British girl secretaries from the High Commissioner's office; Moslem women who defy tradition by appearing unveiled and obey it by wearing the becoming Kurta, salwar and dupata (tunic, trousers and scarf).

Costume in Karachi is anything but stereotyped. You can sit down to dinner in sports shirt and flannels, and the party at the next table, correctly garbed in long evening frocks or white sharkskin dinner-jackets, will not raise an eyebrow.

One young Frenchwoman seems to be perpetually dressed for tennis, in shorts for which "short" is an understatement. To make up for her coolness of clothing, her husband wears a heavy Har-

ris tweed jacket—and the mid-day shade temperature in Karachi is 95 degrees.

"Sporting"

Even with this tolerance of territorial self-determination, there was something of a stir the other day when a venerable Moslem judge appeared in a suit composed of equal parts of crushed strawberry towelling and puce corduroy. The cut is best described as "sporting" and the ensemble would have startled the Soho "spiv."

It is not only in the grillroom that you can watch the wheels of Pakistan go round. There is the hotel garden.

Karachi is sited in a corner of the great Sind Desert, and to keep the lawn green a team of gardeners is busy all day

pampering every blade of grass. Casuarina trees and striped umbrellas shade the wicker chairs. Through the heavy drapery of bougainvillea and convolvulus on the high railings there are glimpses of the padding camels; glimpses, too, of the dark importunate faces of gentlemen who want to sell you carpets or diamonds.

Life goes on as busily here as in the grill. The Turkish Ambassador, whose waistcoat is one of those diplomatic circles, inclining him to sedentary amusements, spends hours in a corner by the main entrance.

Children

The few hotel children play listlessly, or gaze in envy at the gardeners splashing around with watering-cans.

And all the time there is a procession through the gates and up to the portico—Government cars, diplomatic cars, military cars, big-business cars, glossy American monsters, neat British saloons. As well, all day and all night, there are the airways planes.

So the lounge on the lawn enjoys this continuous mild excitement of spotting off who has arrived from where.

The other day Her Imperial Highness the Princess of Barar, wife of the Nizam of Hyderabad's heir and descendant of Ottoman Sultans, passed through with an entourage of nine. Very tall, aquiline, in a sari of palest heliotrope and wearing pearls worth a Sultan's ransom, she looked truly Imperial, but was modestly middle-class in the way she looked after her two schoolboy sons.

Loveliest of all recent transients was another Hyderabad aristocrat, Princess Niloofar. She arrived from Hyderabad, superb in a sari, and left next for Ankara exquisitely in a new look by Dior. The gallery on the lawn sighed and ordered another round.

Arabian Night

Then the Arabian Nights turned up in the person of the Amir Saad, Viceroy of Haifa and cousin of King Ibn Saud. The Amir had the room next to mine, and his Nubian bodyguards, weighed down with weapons, watched day and night outside his door so that I could not reach my room without tripping over a jewelled scimitar.

Like every hotel everywhere in the world nowadays, the Palace is always packed out.

The Italian manager, Soso, who has himself acquired the air of an ambassador, needs all his diplomacy to explain to Persons who think themselves very important, that they can have only half-shares of bedrooms. To secure a room to yourself practically entitles you to be addressed as "Your Excellency."

Footnote:—This loy-caravanserai in the heart of the largest Moslem State in the world, is owned by a Hindu!

Cyprus Pulls The Settlers

By MARGUERITE WILSON

CYPRUS, key island in the Eastern Mediterranean, the British Colony most detested by the Jews because of its function of transit camp for would-be Palestine immigrants, has had a disappointment.

The proposals of the Consultative Assembly of this half-million strong island for fully responsible Government in internal affairs have been turned down by the Colonial Office.

But the disappointment is not likely to stop the steady trickle of Britons who since the war have decided to settle here, either on retirement or to make a living.

It's worth taking a chance, they think, in an island with a wonderful climate, pleasant scenery, abundant food, drink and clothing and charming people. Above all, it's still in the British Empire and in the sterling area.

In Limassol, second largest of the six main towns, where before the war you could almost count the English residents on one hand, there are many post-war settlers. Among the first were the Chamberlains, six-foot seven-inch tall Joe Chamberlain, son of the late Sir Austen, and his wife, Ginn, who trained A.T.S. in Limassol during the war and young George, 20 months old. The Chamberlains bought an orange grove of 50 odd acres, with vines, almonds, olives, cereals and turkeys, guineafowl, chickens, rabbits, dogs, and good farm buildings. Portraits of the Chamberlains, parents and lovely Chippendale furniture (which it cost the earth to bring out) help to make their home reminiscent of a "miniature" English country house.

Housing Shortage Then there is Lt.-General Sir Harold Briggs, Commander-in-Chief in Burma until Burma got self-government, who, with Lady Briggs, stepped off in Cyprus on their way back to England. They have chosen their site with a magnificent view of the mountains, and are leaving the architects to build their house while they continue their way home for the summer.

Another new arrival is an English oil man from Greece who landed with 14 cases of furniture, and no available warehouse to store it while he searches for a house in an island with a housing shortage.

Land Dear The largest banana plantation in Cyprus today is owned by another Englishman, who retired unwell and obey it by wearing the becoming Kurta, salwar and dupata (tunic, trousers and scarf).

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Marshall Critic Of Trade Bill

Washington, May 24.—The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, said today that it would be better for Congress to scrap the reciprocal trade programme entirely than to pass the House bill extending it only one year.

Mr. Marshall criticized the Republican-sponsored measure again as the House Rules Committee cleared it for floor action under the rule barring changes and allowed only three hours for debate.

It may be taken up on Wednesday.

Mr. Marshall said the bill would destroy the core of the programme through which "we exercised a significant part of our

leadership in world economic affairs."

He added that it would hurt the European recovery programme, which depends partly on the trade act to lower tariff barriers between Europe and the United States.

The new measure would extend the trade agreements act, now expiring on June 12, for one year, with Congress holding the veto in some cases over Presidential tariff-cutting "plans."—United Press.

Douglas Calls At Foreign Office

London, May 24.—Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador in London, called on Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, for the second time in the last 48 hours today. The talk lasted an hour.

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Pakistan Criticism Of United Nations
Dominated By The Western Nations

A call for an Asian League was made in Pakistan's Parliament here today when members bitterly criticised the United Nations Organisation as being dominated by Western powers and directed against Asia.

The attack on the United Nations came in a 90-minute debate on a bill presented by the Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan to enable effect to be given by Pakistan to certain provisions of the United Nations Charter.

All eight members who spoke praised Sir Zafrullah Khan for "his able handling of the Kashmir issue at the Security Council," but attacked the Council's anti-Pakistan attitude on the question.

Most members held that actions of the United Nations Organisation were not only directed against Pakistan and the Moslem world, but also against Asia.

A back-bencher from East Bengal described the United Nations as "an organisation of conspirators where injustice has been done to India in the South African dispute, to the Indonesian question and to the Palestine problem and the Kashmir issue."

Malik Firoz Khan Noon said all Asiatic countries were "wasting their time in the United Nations, which is dominated by Western powers who are not interested in Asia."

He hoped that in time to come Pakistan and India would create a "League of Nations for Asia," as the Western powers through the United Nations were retarding Asia's political and economic progress.

Object of the bill presented today is to enable the Pakistan Government to apply effectively measures the Security Council may call upon it to put into force under Article 41 of the Charter.

Consequently, she could not consider the situation in Palestine as being one of war.

The Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe, gave a similar reply to members of the Sudan Advisory Council, who last week urged Sudanese participation in Palestine.—Reuter.

U.S.-TRAINED ARMIES JUST A MEMORY

Washington, May 24. The weekly magazine, "U.S. News and World Report," today reported from Nanking that "hardly a trace remains" of 39 Chinese divisions of the American-trained and equipped Army.

The magazine said, "In the opinion of official observers, corruption and Nationalist Army politics did much to destroy the effectiveness of the Americanized Chinese fighters. But the big trouble was inability to fit modern units into the archaic military system."

The article claimed that 30 of these divisions were broken up and scattered amongst various Chinese armies where they "were swallowed up in poorly led regular divisions" and lost their effectiveness.

It said the remaining nine divisions were formed into three armies—74th, New First and New Sixth.

"It said the New First "became a victim of military politics" and was broken up because its American-educated commander, General Sun Li-jen, was disliked by that rules most of the Nationalist forces."

Demoralised

The 74th Army, the article said, was "all but wiped out a year ago as a result of poor military intelligence and bad leadership" and the New 8th was "completely demoralised" because of lack of support.

The article asserted that of all the troops in the 39 United States-trained divisions, 20 percent of the troops have been lost and thousands of them killed. Much of their equipment was lost too.

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"Fantastic" Broadcast

Calcutta, May 24. French officials today described as "fantastic" a Radio Viet Minh (Nationalist) broadcast that the French were inspiring rumours of intervention against the Viet Minh in Indo-China.

The alleged rumours were that American, Chinese and Philippine troops would invade Indo-China while British troops moved into the south.—Reuter.

C-in-C Rebukes Critics

Shanghai, May 25. Admiral Sir Denys Boyd, C-in-C, British Pacific Fleet, rebuked those who criticised his Government for "throwing the Empire away" in an Empire Day address yesterday before an international gathering.

"All they have done," he said, "was to fulfil honourably the policies of their predecessors," he declared, and added:

"The Empire was not founded by conquest, though wars were fought. It was founded by adventurers, seeking religious freedom, riches, honest trade (these two are not always the same thing), or even just adventure.

"Never was the Empire linked together by anything but goodwill. It is our national characteristic to see the other man's point of view. Born of years of stable government, we have the ability to see the other side of the question."—Reuter.

Sudan To Stay Out

Khartoum, May 25. The Sudan will keep out of the Palestine campaign, it was officially stated here today.

A liaison officer told a press conference that as the Sudan Government's policy was tied to Britain's and Egypt's, she did not

consequently, she could not consider the situation in Palestine as being one of war.

The Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe, gave a similar reply to members of the Sudan Advisory Council, who last week urged Sudanese participation in Palestine.—Reuter.

Melbourne, May 24. Mr. R. G. Casey, wartime British Minister Resident in the Middle East and President of the Australian Liberal Party, told a Liberal Party Empire Day rally here tonight that "Britain's people are now hungry and ill-clad and are suffering austerity measures Australians have not yet realised."

There should be written up on every wall in the land: "What can we do to help Britain?" Mr. Casey declared.

"Canada has given £1,000 million and made available £900 million in loans, Australia has given Australian £25 million (£20 million)—a meagre, narrow book-keeping entry."—Reuter.

RED DELEGATES TO E.C.A.F.E.

London, May 24. The Soviet delegation to the third session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, which is to begin in Madras shortly, arrived here today by air from Prague.

The delegation, which included two women, will continue its journey tomorrow.—Reuter.

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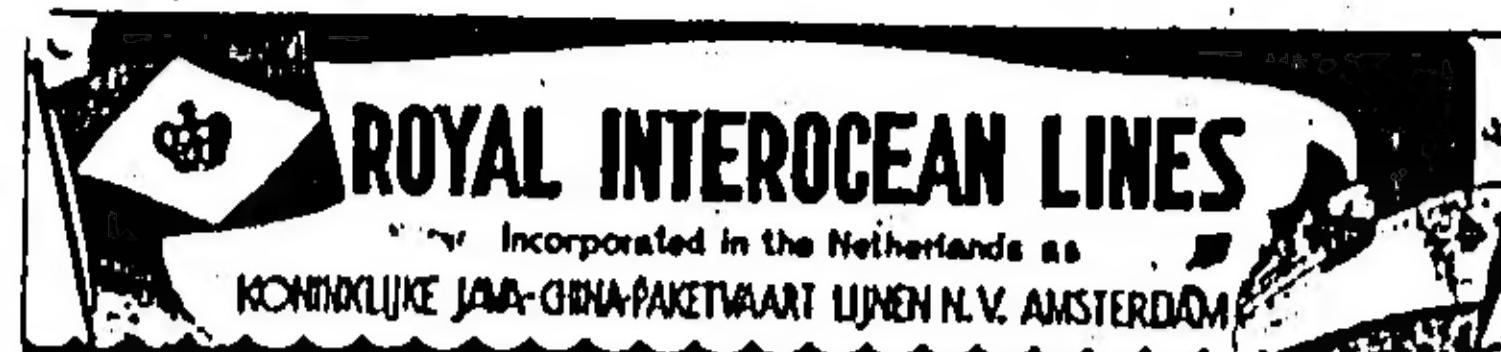
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BRITISH TRADE DEFICITS
Correction Of Misinterpretations
Comparisons Are Bad Enough

London, May 24.
The Treasury on Saturday unprecedently issued a statement, ratifying some misinterpretations of Britain's abnormally big visible trade deficits in March and April, but even proper comparisons are bad enough; for example, the visible deficit in April of £36,000,000 against the Government's target for this half year of £14,500,000 monthly.

The Treasury added that the large import increases mainly did not involve any direct drain on dollars. But the indirect effect can be equally bad, when Britain under bilateral agreements has to pay with goods which she could otherwise sell for dollars.

Friday's Anglo-Brazilian agreement provides for payment in sterling, hence it does not directly require dollars, but the analysis indicates that some of Britain's imports from Brazil under this agreement might actually cost more dollars than imports from the United States.

The lessoned drain on behalf of their members in March and April must have been partly offset by the bigger drain for Britain's own sharply increased deficit. One would hope that the total drain was below January and February this year, but the official figure will not be published until July, Reuter.

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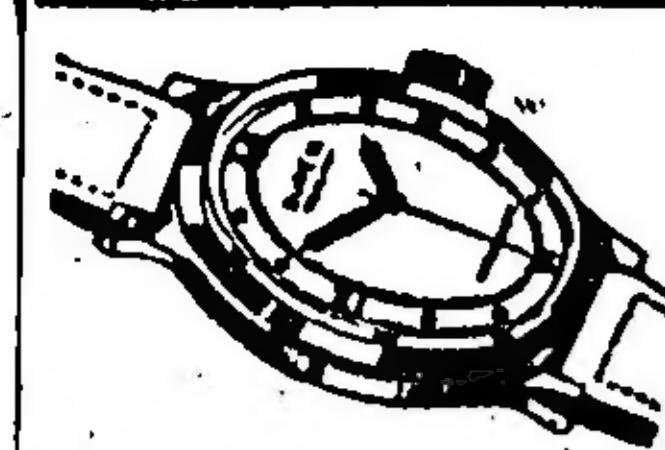
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HONG KONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1948.

MCC BEATEN BY INNINGS AND 158

London, May 25. Dismissing the M.C.C. for 205 runs before lunch at Lord's today, the Australians won by an innings and 158 runs.

After following on and losing one wicket for 27 runs yesterday, the M.C.C. fought an uphill battle today, resuming their batting and requiring 336 to avoid a defeat by an innings.

With 13 added, Edrich fell leg before to Toshack. Hutton and Compton aroused hopes of better things. Hutton twice hit on the fingers when trying to turn Miller's leg, hooked and cut admirably, and Compton batted judiciously, but with 53 added in 40 minutes for the third wicket, Compton hooked a short pitched delivery from Lindwall into the hands of long leg.

Donnelly, the left hand New Zealand Test batsman, brought off one or two good drives, but at 129 he batted forward to Ian Johnson, missed the ball and was stumped. In his next over, Johnson bowled Hutton off his pads, and half the wickets were out for 133.

Australians 1st Innings 552. MCC 1st INNINGS Hutton, c. Hassett, b. Toshack 52 Robertson, c. Tallon, b. Miller 0 Edrich, c. Tallon, b. Miller 4 Compton, c. Tallon, b. Toshack 26 Donnelly, b/w, b. Toshack 17 Yardley, b. Lindwall 0 Cranston, c. Hassett, b. Toshack 21 Griffiths, b. Toshack 7 Donington, c. Barnes, b. Toshack 0 Toshack, not out 16 Lakor, not out 12 Young, c. Lindwall, b. Miller 12 Extras 23 159

REPULSE BAY TENTS STATEMENT

With reference to the letter of complaint in the Press yesterday regarding Bathing Tents at Repulse Bay Beach, an Urban Council spokesman has pointed out that advance bookings of tents are not permitted in the terms of the agreement entered into by beach contractors.

It will be realized, he said, that if advance bookings were allowed, some individuals might book tents days in advance but not require them on the day for which they had been booked. This would mean that the tents would remain empty and not be used for use by anyone else.

It is for this reason, the spokesman said, that the Urban Council insists that no person shall be refused the hire of a vacant tent, that no advance bookings shall be allowed, and that the principle of "first come, first served" shall be adhered to in regard to the hiring of tents.

Jap "Operations" On US Airmen

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Wallace Willing

Galem, Oregon, May 24. Mr. Henry Wallace today said he would be willing to fly to Moscow if "the cause of peace could be served," but he denied having plans for such a flight or that he was angling for a Moscow visit.

Mr. Wallace said he believed there were no indications that a conference with Marshal Josef Stalin would serve the cause of peace.—United Press.

Palestine Police For Hong Kong

"For the first time since his return from leave Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, O.B.E., Commissioner of Police, yesterday met representatives of the press at the Public Relations Office.

The meeting was an informal one and to various questions put to him he said that the crime wave had increased to a certain extent in the New Territories, but in his opinion could not be considered as high.

Asked whether the police have completely vacated Lau Fau Shan he said "No," as there is still a station there with one European Officer and 20 men with a water police patrol in the vicinity for assistance if need be. He also said that the bandits have left that section and moved into Chinese territory again.

Answering further question as to whether the European police contingent is ample at the present time, he replied that it was short of about 20. Twenty-seven are expected to be transferred from Palestine while the other three will come from England. When these arrive the European complement would be in its full strength.

The new Police Training School, which is expected to be ready by July this year he said, will be situated at the back of Aberdeen, where recruits up to 240 could be housed with further accommodation for those taking refresher courses. The present school which is most inadequate is only capable of turning out about 100 recruits every three months.

Police inspectors, he said, are being trained a little longer and six months are required to complete their courses.

A date will be fixed in the near future when he will officially meet members of the press.

BOWLING FIXTURES

The following are today's and tomorrow's games:

(2ND DIVISION)			
H.K.C.C.	v	I.R.C.	
C.R.C. "C"	v	S.C.A.A. "B"	
Recruit "B"	v	University	
U.S.R.C.	v	C.C.C.	
C.R.C. "B"	v	C.R.C. "A"	
K.C.C.	v	S.C.A.A. "A"	
TOMORROW			
DIVISION "A"			
I.R.C.	v	K.C.C. "A"	
S.C.A.A.	v	C.R.C. "A"	
K.C.C. "B"	v	H.K.C.C.	
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The Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd. will launch their first post-war vessel on Saturday at 11.30 a.m.

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DEEP WATER BAY GOLF

It is proposed to hold golf competitions at Deep Water Bay on Sunday mornings during the summer and members are asked to note that those in possession of "Falling" handicaps will be graded down to 2% thereof.

Members not in possession of a Falling handicap may hand in two cards of 18 holes each at Deep Water Bay for a special temporary handicap.

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COUNTY CRICKET WICKETS TRICKY

London, May 24. Week-end rain in most parts of the country caused some trickery to more than one wicket where a County championship cricket match was in progress, and batsman had to be wary.

Middlesex, who are without for 8 declared: Hampshire 271 (Arnold 50) and 65 for 3. At Birmingham: Essex 248 and 174 (Avery 60); Warwickshire 149 and 108 for 2.

At Worcester: Worcestershire 53 for 9 declared; Surrey 188 (Barling 55, Perks five for 61) and 127 for one (Flashlock 61 not out, Squires 54 not out).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University 393 for 8 declared (Pryer 75 not out, Pearsall 80); Middlesex 123 for 7 (Brown 75 not out).

At Swansea: Glamorgan 257 and 227 (Davis 63, Parkhouse 72, Tromlett six for 40); Somerset 249 (Wellard 70, Trick six for 77) and 12 for one.

One match finished today, and Northamptonshire scored their first success of the season and their first against Nottinghamshire since 1910. Broderick's left-arm slow bowling was the feature, as with 7 for 29 in the second innings, he had a match record of 13 wickets for 60 runs.

The wicket at Bristol was always awkward or Gloucestershire discovered, for they were struggling from the moment that Burnett lost his wicket off the day's first ball. They saved the follow-on, but their bowlers did not get the same help from the turf when Yorkshire batted again, and rapid scoring put Tykes in a strong position.

London, May 24. The following were the results of county cricket matches played today:

—At Gillingham-Derbyshire beat Kent by 166 runs. Derbyshire 311 and 171, Kent 171 and 143 (Copson three for 15).

At Peterborough: Northamptonshire beat Nottinghamshire by 10 wickets. Notts 135 and 106 (Broderick seven for 28); Northamptonshire 230 (Davis 61, Somerset six for 69) and 12 for no wicket.

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Essex by two wickets. Essex 228 and 174, Warwickshire 149 and 235 for 8 (Hill 70, Doherty not out 76).—Reuter.

Scoreboard

Close up play scores:

—At Hove: Sussex 237 and 60 for four; Leicestershire 256 (Jackson 97, C. Cakes four for 36).

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At Manchester: Lancashire 451

With two previous convictions for possession of Chinese tobacco, Siu Fat (30), was yesterday sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment by Mr. W. H. Latimer at the charge of possession of 15 tuels of raw opium at the K.C.R. Station at 7.30 p.m. on May 24.

For possession of a similar quantity of raw opium, Wong Kwok-yam (40) was fined \$1,300 or six months' hard labour by the same magistrate. Defendant was arrested at the K.C.R. Station.

Revenue Officer D. H. Knott prosecuted in both cases.

Tau Kan (36), married woman of 42 Lai Chikkok Road, first floor, whose premises were raided by Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes, was fined \$170 for keeping an opium den and possession of prepared opium, pipes, and lamps. The five smokers were fined \$20 each by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr of Kowloon yesterday.

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Meanwhile, the four Stars with their biggest sail area had managed to reach the windward mark and Commodore Robertshaw in "Benetasch" won by a comfortable margin. Next home was Mr. Chidwell in "Daphne" and Mr. Sutcliffe in "Bellatrix," both for the club.

Lt. Cdr. Goodhart in "Polaris" unfortunately failed to round E.2 buoy on the correct side so did not finish, making the result a draw.

According to Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, first accused, was arrested while landing the pigs at Tai Kok Tsui. Second defendant, owner of the pigs, sent a lorry and some coolies to convey the pigs to 11 Argyle Street.

Pig dealers had been warned several times by the Officer-in-Charge of the Mong Kok Police Station. The present action was taken as the result of complaints.

The seriousness of the offence, pointed out the prosecution, laid in the checking of diseases as no check could be made on pigs unless they are landed at Mtaukok or Kennedy Town.

Lai Yau was in possession of a permit from the Harbour Office to land alongside the Praya Wall West to work cargo of livestock for the week ending May 31.

ACCOUNTANT ON FORGERY CHARGE

Wong Th Lung, 38, manager of Tung Hing Hong, 360, Queen's Road Central appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on ten counts of forgery and a further ten of uttering forged cheques to the Yien Yih Commercial Bank (\$10,000) and to the Chartered Bank cheques to the amount of \$17,043 between November and February 1948.

The cheques were supposed to be from To Chung, manager of the Yen Seng Hong Firm.

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon defended and Insp. A. F. Cochran was in charge of the prosecution.

Insp. Cochran outlined the case said that defendant was an accountant for the complainant (To Chung). He was employed at \$370. At the end of March, 1948, defendant asked to be allowed to resign as he wished to go into business by himself.

A check was made later on the books of the Yen Seng Hong Firm and it was discovered that entries had been made in the ledger but not in the cash book.

Although nearly \$24,000 was entered and the cheques used, the counterfeits had been torn out.

The signatures on the cheques were proved to be forgeries.

The case was then adjourned until today.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Calcutta on account of plague.

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Cotton Exports

London, May 25. Britain cut her export target of cotton piece goods to hard currency countries—the United States, Canada and Argentina—by 20 per cent to-day.

The old target was 136 per cent of the exports of those countries in 1938. The new target, which the Board of Trade said will be reviewed in September, is 115 per cent.

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Further Opium Charges

London, May 24. Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club intends to encourage

Star racing this summer and develop races for Jubilees and Dragons on Saturdays, leaving Sundays free for cruising.

It is also intended to take more advantage of daylight saving and evening breezes by organizing races for Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. for Stars and dinghies.

These will begin tomorrow.

Booking Stars for weekend races should now be done through sailing captain T. F. Honess, phone 60578.

Last Saturday and Sunday afternoon conditions were favourable for sailing but Sunday morning's very light breeze was insufficient for dinghies.

It is hoped to have six Stars sailing regularly every weekend this summer, slipping them regularly together to even up their performances. In the light breezes the Stars are ideal for racing and should become very popular.

The dinghy race was won quite easily by Bromley-Mortyn in his own 14-ft. dinghy which, unlike the Club boats, is Bermudian rigged. The first Club boat to win the sweepstakes was Corbett in "Combi I" dinghy.

Place Boat Coxswain Time

1st. T. F. Honess, I. Corbett 1.34.47